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## HIS MAJESTY'S HEALTH

"GREAT WEAKNESS"  
BUT NO CAUSE FOR INCREASED ANXIETY

"MORE HOPEFUL VIEW"

London, Yesterday, 8 p.m.  
A British Wireless message states:

A more hopeful view of the King's condition is now taken in palace circles and apart from the fact that recent bulletins have encouraged a restrained optimism there are several reassuring indications that anxiety has to some extent been relieved.

Last night's bulletin, which stated that the King had had a quiet day and that the slow improvement noted in the morning continued, added that no bulletin would be issued this morning. This was regarded as a favourable sign.

The public also placed a similar interpretation on the announcement that Princess Mary, who had been staying at palace for nearly a month felt justified in leaving London yesterday afternoon to join Viscount Lascelles and their two sons who have spent Christmas at Harewood Hall in Yorkshire. The movements of the Prince of Wales also indicated that anxiety had been somewhat relieved. He was out hunting yesterday, with Belvoir Park, and on receipt of advice from the doctors at Buckingham Palace he changed his plans for returning to London in the afternoon and remained for the week-end at Melton Mowbray.

"The Reverse the Case"  
The reports which have appeared that the King has been unconscious for long periods are very misleading at this stage of the illness. Instead of anxiety being increased since Thursday the reverse is the case. Since his fall, however, on the fact that the King's condition remains one of great weakness and this is the chief cause of anxiety.

The question of blood transfusion, it is authoritatively stated, has not been considered. It is understood that measures decided on Friday for increasing the King's general strength relate to a new course of medicine.

A Quiet Day  
The following bulletin, issued at 8.30 p.m. to-day, states:  
The King has had a quiet day. There is no change to report in His Majesty's condition.

Signed: Stanley Hewitt, Hugh Rigby, Dawson of Penn.

The Ray Treatment  
Reuter states that the Ray Therapy treatment was again to be administered last night.

Earlier Bulletins

London, Saturday.  
His Majesty passed a fair night and his condition is much about the same.Blood Transfusion  
Following a suggestion that blood might be transfused into His Majesty's veins, telephonically and otherwise, offered their services but, according to the Secretary of the Blood Transfusion Service of the Red Cross, there is not the slightest possibility of anyone outside of Court circles being required.Very Slight Improvement  
A bulletin issued at 11.30 stated that the King had a quiet night and that there is very slight change for the better.

"Not Even Considered"

Later.  
A larger than usual crowd awaited the posting of the bulletin outside Buckingham Palace.

As regards the reports that the King has been unconscious for long periods, it is pointed out that such statements at the present stage of the illness are very misleading. There is still great weakness but anxiety is decreasing.

Blood transfusion has not even been considered. Friday's reference to new measures being adopted are related to a new course of medicine.

## SCHNEIDER CUP

London, Yesterday.  
Entries for the Schneider Trophy seaplane race from Germany as well as from America are now expected by the Royal Aero Club. The lists close to-morrow.

Entries have already been received from France and Italy, each of which is sending three seaplanes.

British Wireless Service.

[The race takes place in English waters in 1929.]

## AUSTRALIA ALL OUT FOR 397

ENGLAND 47 FOR 1

DON BRADMAN &amp; E.L.A. BECKETT MAKE THE RUNS

THIRD TEST: SECOND DAY

At the close of play in the Third Test match at Melbourne on the second day (16-day) England were 350 runs behind Australia on the 1st innings, with nine wickets in hand. Fortunes fluctuated twice to-day.

Two Australian batsmen were out cheaply.  
Then Bradman and A. Beckett made a stand of 86 runs for the seventh wicket.Then the last three wickets fell for 24 runs.  
The cricket was very quiet, states Reuter.

Between the resumption of play and the lunch interval, Australia added 61 runs for the loss of two wickets which fell cheaply—but Bradman and A. Beckett, the newcomers, made a stand.

Two Good Analyses

Tate's fine bowling was a feature of the morning's play and White bowled very steadily throughout.  
Ryder (111) and Bradman (26), the overnight not outs, continued with the score at 276 runs for four wickets.

The attendance was 55,000. The weather, as on the first day, was brilliant and the wicket continued to play fast.

After six runs had been added, Ryder's long innings had come to an end. He was caught by Hendren, fielding at short leg, off Tate, having scored only one of the six runs. The fifth wicket, therefore, fell for 282 runs.

Sixth Wicket Down

Ryder's 112 was compiled in three hours and 40 minutes. He played a great innings, says Reuter, his forte being driving. He hit a six and six fours, having seen the total increased from 57 to 232—at a critical stage of the match—and had contributed 112 out of 225 put on while he was batting. His fifth wicket partnership with Bradman realised 64 runs. No wonder the crowd cheered him.

Oldfield, the wicket-keeper, then went in to bat in place of his captain.

Bradman had collected five runs with Ryder. He got two with Oldfield while the latter scored three. Then Oldfield played on a ball from Geary, providing the bowler with his first wicket of the match. Six wickets down for 287 runs.

Duckworth Injured

Two wickets had fallen in the morning with only 11 runs added to the board. Bradman's contribution had reached 33.

A. Beckett was sent in to partner Bradman and scored, at first, faster than Bradman.

The batsmen were applauded when the total reached 300. Bradman then being 36 (having added 3 with A. Beckett) and A. Beckett 10.

Bradman reached his 50 through Duckworth not taking the ball clearly because his left thumb was painful, having been "put out" on Saturday when stopping one on the leg side from Geary. Bradman's innings had then lasted 1½ hours.

He then got runs more quickly than A. Beckett, reaching 80 when the latter had 23. Extras 6—none having been conceded in the morning—and the total was, therefore, 337 runs for six wickets.

Tate's excellent analysis for the morning was 9 overs, 6 maidens, 11 runs, 1 wicket. White's figures for one period were 10 overs, 7 maidens, 7 runs, no wicket.

Australia—1st Innings  
W. M. Woodfull, c Jardine, b Tate 112  
D. Bradman, b Hammond 79  
W. A. Richardson, c Duckworth, b Larwood 3  
V. Y. Richardson, c Duckworth, b Larwood 3  
H. L. Hendry, c Jardine, b Larwood 28  
A. F. Kippax, c Jardine, b Larwood 100  
J. S. Ryder, c Hendren, b Tate 112  
D. Bradman, b Hammond 79  
W. A. Richardson, c Duckworth, b Larwood 3  
E. L. A. Beckett, c Duckworth, b White 41  
R. M. Oxenham, b Geary 15  
C. V. Grimmett, c Duckworth, b Geary 5  
D. D. J. B. not out 2  
Extras 6  
Total 397  
Fall of wickets: 1 for runs

## NEW YORK &amp; RUBBER SHARES

NEW SCHEME

FAR EAST STOCK MAY BE QUOTED

MAY BE FAR-REACHING

New York, Yesterday.  
A scheme is being worked out to establish a special department of the Stock Exchange for trade securities in rubber companies.

The scheme tentatively provides for the listing of British, Dutch and other stocks at present not dealt with on the exchange or the curb market.

It is believed that shares of a great many out of the 1,500 companies producing rubber in the Far East will be available for trading in New York.—Reuter's American Service.

## FIRST BLOOD

PROGRESS IN SZECHUEN WAR

SEVERE FIGHTING

General Lou Hsiang, the aggressor in the latest war in Szechuan province, is reported in a Royal Naval communiqué, to have won the first battle against the other Generals who have been holding Chungking, the Yangtze Treaty port 1,400 miles from the sea. General Liu Hsiang is advancing up-river, westward, on Fowchow.

Severe fighting is believed to have taken place and a ship loaded with wounded has been seen.

At present Chungking does not appear to be threatened and the situation there is, accordingly, more satisfactory.

It is not clear, the communiqué adds, whether General Yang Sen, the stormy petrel of Szechuan, is engaged or not, or which side he is supporting.

A later despatch indicated that no further development occurred over the week-end.

## A PERSONAL DEFEAT

M. POINCARÉ AND THE SENATE

Paris, Saturday.

The likelihood of a serious political crisis in the near future is being discussed by political observers as a result of differences between M. Poincaré and the Senate over the proposed increase of the salaries of Senators and Deputies.

M. Poincaré was opposed to an increase at a Cabinet meeting this morning but was in the minority later in the day.

The Senate by 140 votes to 107 adopted a clause in the Finance Bill providing a salary increase, thus inflicting a personal defeat on the Premier.—Reuter.

## BANDIT EXECUTED

ATTEMPT TO KIDNAP U.S. AMBASSADOR

Mexico City, Saturday.

The insurgent leader, Vigueras, has been captured and executed. He was charged with attempting to kidnap the United States Ambassador, Mr. Dwight Morrow.—Reuter.

## DISARMAMENT COMMISSION

Geneva, Saturday.

The preliminary commission on disarmament which has not met since May 1927 has been convoked to meet on April 15, 1929. The United States has accepted an invitation to attend.—Reuter.

(Richardson), 2 for 15 (Woodfull), 8 for 57 (Hendry); 4 for 213 (Kippax), 5 for 282 (Ryder), 6 for 287 (Oldfield), 7 for 378 (Bradman), 8 for 388 (A. Beckett), 9 for 394 (Grimmett), 10 for 397 (Oxenham).

## BOWLING ANALYSIS

Larwood 37 8 127 3  
Tate 46 17 87 2  
Geary 31.5 4 88 3  
Hammond 8 4 19 1  
White 67 30 64 1  
Jardine 1 0 10 0The England XI:—A. P. F. Chapman, J. C. White, D. R. Jardine, J. R. Hobbs, H. Sutcliffe, W. R. Hammond, E. Hendren, G. Geary, M. W. Tate, E. Larwood, G. Duckworth.  
[Earlier report on page 9.]

## MARSHAL LI GONG-REPORT

CONFLICTING NEWS

SAID TO HAVE BOOKED BERTH FOR SHANGHAI

ARRIVING HERE TO-MORROW?

Marshal Li Chai-sum, the principal leader of the Canton Government and one of the "Big Four" of the Kwangsi military group, is stated in several local reports to have booked passage on the s.s. "d'Artagnan" for Shanghai.

The reports are that Marshal Li is coming down here from Canton, either by special train or by gunboat, to embark. From Shanghai he is to go on to Nanking, the national capital.

Reports also add that Marshal Li has decided to attend the national conference of the Nationalist



General Li Tsung-jen, whose gunboat was stranded.

Party, the date for the opening of which had been fixed for to-morrow, New Year's Day.

Doubt.

It is pointed out that although Marshal Li will not reach Nanking in time for the opening ceremonies, the real discussion does not begin until Friday.

On the other hand, it has to be noted that doubts have been expressed.

## BOGUS DOCTOR

Judgment was delivered by Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning in the case in which Wong Sing-poon, a Chinese herbalist, was charged with practising medicine for personal gain without being registered. He was found guilty and fined \$100.

ed whether, on account of party political differences, the conference will begin to-morrow.

Although Marshal Li has been succeeded by General Chan Ming-shu as chairman of the Provincial Government, he retains the chairmanship of the Canton branch of the Central Political Council, which is a higher institution.

He is still commander-in-chief of the 8th Route of the Nationalist Army, which comprises the units in Kwangtung and Kwangsi. He is, concurrently, Chief of Nationalist General Staff with headquarters in Nanking.

## Canton's Denial

Saturday's "Canton Gazette" refutes to Marshal Li's "multifarious duties" and emphatically denies the previous reports that he has decided on any date to leave for the North as yet.

When Marshal Li last returned from Nanking he intimated that he would leave Canton again for the national capital. His departure on this occasion, whether it be to-morrow or later, is of considerable importance because it means, "implicitly if not directly," the commencement of an era in Canton without his presence, and his closer attention to affairs in Nanking.

## 30 Per Cent. Reduction?

Nanking, Yesterday.  
General Li Tsung-jen (who is also one of the Kwangsi "Big Four" and is the leader at Hankow) landed here at noon on Dec. 28 from Hankow. He was delayed en route through his gunboat going aground.

Accordingly, the disbandment

## STATE OF AFFAIRS IN PARAGUAY

BIG LOAN

ONE HUNDRED MILLION PESOS FOR NATIONAL DEFENCE

BILL FOR CONGRESS

Asunción, Yesterday.  
The President of Paraguay has introduced into Congress a bill authorising the notation of a loan for 100,000,000 pesos for the purposes of national defence.—Reuter's American Service.Washington, Yesterday.  
The Paraguayan Legation has announced that Paraguay has accepted "in its main lines" the Pan-American Conference's conciliation protocol, but would like to suggest slight modifications in its wording.—Reuter.

## CONCLUDE TO-DAY?

"ANKING" PIRACY CASE AT SESSIONS

SGT. GOLDSMITH'S FIND

Indications are that the "Anking" piracy case" at the Criminal Sessions will conclude to-day.

This morning Lance-Sergeant W. E. Goldsmith of the Water Police described, in evidence, how he arrested prisoner, Yeung Ping-kwan, on board a "Hoklo" junk entering harbour, which had been searched.

Paper money of Java, the Straits Settlements and Hong Kong and silver coins were found in accused's vest pocket, said Sgt. Goldsmith, and a packet of jewellery on a shelf in a hold of which accused was the only occupant.

## GERMAN STRIKE

EMPLOYERS &amp; EMPLOYEES REJECT AWARD

50,000 INVOLVED

Berlin, Saturday.

The employers and employees of the North Sea Baltic ports, where a strike has existed for the past three months, have rejected the award of the official arbitrators.

It is probable the award will become obligatory.

50,000 men are involved.—Reuter.

## HAVANA SUGAR

CERTAIN RESTRICTIONS ARE ABOLISHED

Havana, Saturday.

A Presidential decree abolishes restrictions on the forthcoming sugar crop and not only rescinds regulations affecting planting, cutting and grinding, but allows shippers greater freedom in marketing sugar abroad without the supervision of an export commission.

New York's sugar prices have eased slightly following the foregoing announcement.—Reuter.

## HELP FOR MINERS

London, Yesterday.

Contributions continue to pour into the Mansion House in response to the appeal of the Prince of Wales, broadcast on Christmas night for gifts for Lord Mayor's Miners Distress Fund.

Gifts received yesterday included a second donation of \$1,000 from the City of Norwich and \$1,200 from Woking.

The fund has reached a total of \$346,000.—British Wireless Service.

## conference has been postponed until Jan. 1.

[This date has to be noted in connection with the latest news about Marshal Li Chai-sum of Canton, who works very closely with General Li Tsung-jen.]

It is reported that the hope of this conference is to reduce each Nationalist Army by 80 per cent., by mutual agreement.

Should this be carried out, upwards of a million soldiers will be affected.

General Li Tsung-jen, Kit Han-kow to go down the Yangtze River on the gunboat "Chu Fung" which went aground near Christmas Island. She was not refloated for two days, hence the delay in General Li's arrival at Nanking.—British Naval Wireless.

## INSPECTOR - GENERAL RESIGNS

CUSTOMS SURPRISE

DUAL CONTROL OBJECTED TO BY MR. EDWARDES

"GAVE REPEATED WARNINGS"

Peking, To-day.  
Mr. A. H. F. Edwardes, official Inspector-General of the Chinese Maritime Customs, has officially informed Reuter that his resignation was handed this morning to Mr. T. V. Soong, Minister of Finance in the National Government of China.

The translation of Mr. Edwardes' despatch to the Finance Minister is given by Reuter as follows:—

"The first essential in the efficient working of a service such as the Chinese Maritime Customs is loyal co-operation and discipline among the personnel of all ranks and, for the maintenance of such discipline, it is imperative there should be an individual head of the service recognised and dealt with as such by the entire service and by the Government."

"I have repeatedly warned your Excellency that conditions which have been allowed to grow up in Shanghai during the past year have resulted in a form of dual control of the service which is destroying the fine traditions of efficiency and discipline which have characterised the Customs service during the past seventy years."  
(Continued on Page 12.)

## MRS. M. B. GROVES

PASSES AWAY ON SATURDAY AT KOWLOON

The death occurred at 4 p.m., on Saturday of Mrs. M. B. Groves of No. 62, Nathan-road, Kowloon.

The deceased (the first European small-pox victim during the present outbreak), was the widow of Mr. Thomas Groves, formerly of the Scottish Oriental Steamship Co., and was a native of New Zealand. She first came to Hong Kong some 23 years ago, shortly after her marriage. Subsequently, she returned to New Zealand for a long period, and returned to the Colony in July this year to stay with her sister, Mrs. Spittles, widow of Mr. Spittles of Messrs. A. S. Watson and Co., Ltd.

Mrs. Groves, who was 68 years of age at the time of her death, leaves a son who is with the Godown Co. here, while a younger son is at school in New Zealand. Her brother, Mr. H. D. Munro, lives in Dunedin, New Zealand. Much sympathy will be felt by a large circle of friends for the relatives in their bereavement.

At 4 p.m., yesterday, the funeral took place at the Protestant Cemetery, Happy Valley.

The service at the graveside was conducted by the Rev. Horace Johnson, pastor of the Union Church, Kowloon.

Mr. Walter M. Groves, the deceased's son, was the chief mourner, while others present were Messrs. Ringshaw, Braley, Seddon, O'Sullivan, Deacon and Waddington acting as pall bearers, and Messrs. Eastman, Weller, Jennings, Anderson, Ormiston, Overy, Crapnell, Smith, Johnson, Griffiths, Butler, Mr. and Mrs. Ballantyne, and Mr. and Mrs. Flagg. Wreaths buried with the coffin were those of the sons and sister.

Wreaths were sent by:—Maxine, VI and Hilda, Joe, Marjorie, Henry and her loved ones in New Zealand, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Craig, Messrs. A. W. Smith, D. Mair, J. P. Robinson, A. Urquhart, F. H. Crapnell, F. Bunje, F. E. Green, J. Ormiston, W. H. Kelly, Ballantyne, Young, Brown, H. S. Rouse, D. Harvey, J. E. Hansen, B. Pasco, S. Jennings, A. W. Ingram, Kelman, B. Thomson, J. Sanderson, Smith, J. Gibson, Annetts, E. Butler, L. J. Cave, F. W. Stapleton, P. Vickers, P. J. Jennings, W. Old, J. W. Beattie, J. E. Anderson, Mr. and the Misses Heron, Mrs. E. D. Shank, Mrs. Capell, Mrs. A. Hopwar, Mrs. B. Dunnett, Mrs. E. O. Murphy, Mrs. E. W. White, Mrs. T. McCormack, Messrs. Blacklock, Ringshaw, O'Sullivan and Waddington, of R. F. A. Fortol, Messrs. M. B. Costello, H. Overy, W. G. H. Deacon, T. Seddon, H. G. Howard, G. E. L. Johnson, A. W. Greaves, T. H. Bradford, A. W. Eastman, C. E. Holmes, A. F. Braby, A. Maher, Staff of the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, No. 2 Platoon M. G. Company, H.K.V.D.C., Committee and Members, Kowloon Football Club.

## S.S. "PAUL LECAT" ABLAZE

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FRCS. 50,000,000 DAMAGE

Marseilles, Yesterday.  
The s.s. "Paul Lecat," one of the best known passenger steamers of the Messageries Maritimes Far Eastern service has been completely burned out in a daylong fire. All the internal fittings have been destroyed and only the shell, plating and frames have been saved.

She was in dry dock being overhauled when the fire occurred.

The cause of the disaster is unknown.—Reuter.

Later.  
Hope of controlling the fire has been abandoned and the vessel is regarded as a total loss.

The damage is estimated at francs 50,000,000.—Reuter.

A Havas telegram says that there were no casualties.

## The Lost Vessel

The s.s. "Paul Lecat" was a vessel of 12,989 tons (gross) and 7,546 tons (net). She was built in 1911 at La Ciotat, France, and was a steel twin screw vessel of 1,140 N. H.P.

She had four decks and was one of the finest passenger vessels calling regularly at Hong Kong.

The "Paul Lecat" arrived here from Yokohama and Shanghai on November 20 last and cleared on the same day. She had 309 passengers with 74 tons of general cargo for Hong Kong and 731 tons for ports beyond.

The "Paul Lecat" was, according to schedule, to leave Marseilles for the Far East on January 11.

## UNUSUAL CASE

CHINESE FROM HAIPHONG BEFORE COURT

LACK OF DETAILS

At the Central Magistracy, this morning, Mr. R. E. Lindsell again had before him the Chinese named Chay Hung-chuen, charged, that he unlawfully and without lawful excuse did receive or have in his possession in the Colony on December 27, 1,239 piastres and \$1.60 in Hong Kong currency, the same having been stolen outside the Colony from the Wing Hing Mao firm of Rue Chinoise, Haiphong, well knowing that the money had been stolen on December 28.

Mr. F. H. Loseby appeared for the defence, whilst Mr. H. C. Macnamara was for the prosecution.

The latter said that his firm, Messrs. Deacons, had received a cable that morning from French solicitors of the complainant firm in Haiphong asking that application be made for the accused to be held here pending the arrival of a witness to prove the case against him.

This man was understood to be leaving Haiphong immediately.

Discussion followed as to whether or not the accused should be admitted to bail.

Mr. Lindsell agreed with Mr. Loseby that the position was difficult as at the present moment although in an earlier cable which led to the accused's arrest there was an allegation of embezzlement by the accused of \$30,000, the French police have not given any intimation to the local police that extradition proceedings would follow, neither, as far as he knew, had there been any communication between Government and Government.

Ultimately his Worship adjourned the case until Saturday, without bail, and gave an undertaking to Mr. Loseby that should no intimation of extradition proceedings be received in Hong Kong by Saturday he would deal with the case as it now stood.

FOR EDUCATION

New York, Saturday.

G\$10,000,000, the residue of the estate of the late Charles Hall, the "Father of Aluminum" will be distributed to 21 of the higher educational institutions of the Far East including the American College of Madras and the Allahabad Agricultural Institute in India and the following institutions in China:—Oberlin Shansi Memorial Association, Harvard Yenching Institute and the following five universities:—Lingnan, West China Union, Nanking, Fudan and Christian Shantung.—Reuter.







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**UNCLAIMED TELEGRAMS.**

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OF DENMARK.

The following unclaimed telegrams are lying at the office of the Great Northern Telegraph Company (Limited) of Denmark:—

Nusery, from Tokyo.

Tait, Hong Kong Hotel, from Shanghai.

Tate, Repulse Bay Hotel, from Shanghai.

Seiji Kwatani Yusen, from Tokyo.

Razario, from Amoy.

Captain Abercromby, Peninsula Hotel, from Shanghai.

Mr. V. W. Kao, Peninsula Hotel, from Dairen.

Ling Long, from Osaka.

E. V. JESSEN,  
Superintendent.

Hong Kong, 27th Dec., 1923.

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The following unclaimed telegrams are lying in the E. E. Telegraph Co. office, Hong Kong:—

Welcome, from London.

Ruth Martin, Peak Hotel, from Bombay.

Ruth Martin, Peak Hotel, from London.

Nasturtium, from London.

Meyer, 1, Pratt Building, Kowloon, from London.

Mrs. Hutton, City Hall, from Melbourne.

E. A. LEGGATT,  
Superintendent.

Hong Kong, 27th Dec., 1923.

**NOTICES.**

G. R.

**CENTRAL BRITISH SCHOOL.**

SCHOOL will RE-OPEN on MONDAY, 7th January. An Entrance Examination will be held at the School on FRIDAY, 4th January, at 9.30 a.m.  
Hong Kong, 31st Dec., 1923.

**A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.****NOTICE.**

ON TUESDAY, the 1st January, 1924, all Departments will be CLOSED.

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**BANK HOLIDAY.**

IN Accordance with Ordinance No. 5 of 1912, the EXCHANGE BANKS will be CLOSED for the transaction of PUBLIC BUSINESS on TUESDAY, 1st January, 1924.  
Hong Kong, Dec. 28, 1923.

**THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB****ANNUAL RACE MEETING.**

25th, 26th, 27th February and  
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Hong Kong, 15th Dec., 1923.

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Mr. Henry P. Hansell, C.V.O., who was tutor to the King's sons, leaves the ranks of the fifteen Gentlemen Ushers to His Majesty after ten years and becomes one of the "Extra Gentlemen Ushers," who number six all told, says "Truth." Although he is older than the King, he does not look his age. He is a man of many inches, and knows how to keep himself in first-class health. It was through his tutoring of Prince Arthur of Connaught that his many qualities were spoken of to the King and Queen who placed the Prince in his care. Sound scholarship and sane teaching aptly describe Mr. Hansell, it will be remembered, paid a visit to Malaya not long ago, and was an interested spectator at the cricket matches played by the visiting Australians eleven on the Kuala Lumpur Padang.—M. M.

The body of W. H. Esso, aged 68, of Marlborough-road, St. James's, Northampton, a caddy who had been missing since August 31, was last month found hanging from a tree in a spinney near Northamptonshire Golf Club at Brampton.

**THE "D.B.S."****A FEW FACTS FROM THE PROSPECTUS****FINE INSTITUTION**

From the new Prospectus, and Syllabus of the Diocesan Boys' School, Hong Kong, we glean the following:—

**The School Committee**

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**Honorary Representatives**

The following are the Honorary Representatives of the School:—  
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Bursar: Mr. T. S. W. Chan, Dip. Com.

Usher: Mr. J. A. Shaw.

Prospectus—Issued in Dec., 1923.

The School was originally founded in 1860 as a School for Chinese Girls and was situated at the corner of Bonham-road and East-ern-street. There was not sufficient demand for such a School and in January, 1869, the second and present foundation took place.

From 1869 to 1890 children of both sexes of European, Chinese and Eurasian parentage, were admitted. A separate Girls' School was opened about 1890 and since that date only boys of European, Chinese and Eurasian parentage have been admitted. In recent years as many as twelve nationalities have been represented in the school. The site for the new School on the mainland was begun in March 1924, and the work on the buildings in August, 1924. In July, 1925 owing to local conditions it was decided to omit one storey and the tower. The School moved into the new buildings in March, 1926. From March 1927, to January, 1928, the school buildings were let to the Military Authorities as a hospital with 400 beds; during this period the School was carried on in temporary buildings at the corner of Nathan and Prince Edward-roads.

The Military Authorities added the top storey in 1927, and the School took over its own buildings again on January 31, 1928. The Tower will be built as soon as funds permit. The School has always been well-known throughout the Far East for its high standard in general work, in discipline, and in results in examinations.

**300 Boys.**  
There are about 300 boys in the school, about 110 of whom are Boarders. About three quarters of the boys are Chinese.

School fees, dates of payment, etc.—Parents and Guardians should note carefully that three months notice in writing is required before a boy's removal from the school as a boarder or as a Day Boy. If notice is not given in writing then a quarter of one year's fees is due.

Entrance Fee.—Boarders and Day Boys, \$10.  
Boarders.—School Fee.—The Fee includes Tuition and Board, \$520 per annum.

Boarders.—Extra for holidays, \$2 per day.  
Boarders.—Games Fee, \$10 per annum.

Boarders.—Launch and Picnic Fee, \$10 per annum.

Boarders.—Locker Fee, \$10 per annum.  
Day Boys.—School Fee, \$160 per annum.  
Day Boys.—Games Fee, \$5 per annum.  
Day Boys.—Locker Fee, \$2 per annum.

All Cheques, etc., should be made payable to "The Headmaster, The Diocesan Boys' School."  
All Boarders and Day Boys' Fees are due on the following days:—  
(1) First day of School after Chinese New Year.  
(2) May 1.  
(3) First day of School after the Summer Holidays.  
(4) November 1.

Boys whose parents do not reside in Hong Kong may be required to be guaranteed by a Guardian or by a Firm in Hong Kong.

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**Clothing**

Each article of clothing should be marked with the owner's name and school number.

All clothing should be as simple as possible, e.g., khaki or white shorts and shirts, with collars attached; dark or light grey flannel suits.

Parents and Guardians are strongly advised, from the point of view of discipline, to curtail a boy's expenditure on clothes, etc., as much as possible within reason.

No boy should have more than \$5 pocket money at one time. The Headmaster will take charge of any money entrusted to him for the purchase of clothes, for pocket money, books, etc., which can be supplied through the Bursar.

The Headmaster will not be in any way responsible for private accounts run by boys at local stores.

Every attention is given to the physical education, diet and health of the boys. They are drilled regularly, and in summer have sea-bathing and are taught swimming. Other games are Football, Cricket, Tennis, Volley Ball, Basket Ball, Roller Skating, Ping Pong, etc. All boys are expected to take some part in school games.

The school work is arranged according to the Government Grant-in-Aid Scheme and the regulations of the Hong Kong University Matriculation and Local Examinations. H.M.'s Inspector of English Schools inspects the school annually.

Great importance is attached to the facts that English is the medium for instruction in all subjects other than Chinese Language and Literature, and that Chinese is compulsory for all boys. French has been added to the Syllabus in 1923 for Classes 6, 4 and 3, and will eventually be added for Classes 2 and 1.

Parents are requested to send a letter stating the reason of a day scholar's absence. For boarders Saturday afternoon is the regular visiting time but friends from a distance will be welcomed at any time.

**Vacations**

The vacations consist of about three weeks at Chinese New Year and eight weeks in Summer, with public holidays. Where possible, boys should go to their homes or to friends during the holidays, otherwise it is necessary to make a charge for holidays. The attention of parents and friends is directed to the fact that delay in returning after the holidays is injurious both to the late comers and to the school.

The Committee are prepared to consider favourably any cases of orphans or children left in necessitous circumstances.

If possible Parents and Guardians should arrange an interview with the Head Master or with a Resident Master.

Applications will be received and further information supplied by the Head Master, The Diocesan Boys' School, Hong Kong.

Headmaster's Office Hours for interviews, etc.—9 to 10 a.m. or by appointment.

The School Address is—The Diocesan Boys' School, P. O. Box 33, Hong Kong.

The School Telephone Number is—Kowloon 777.

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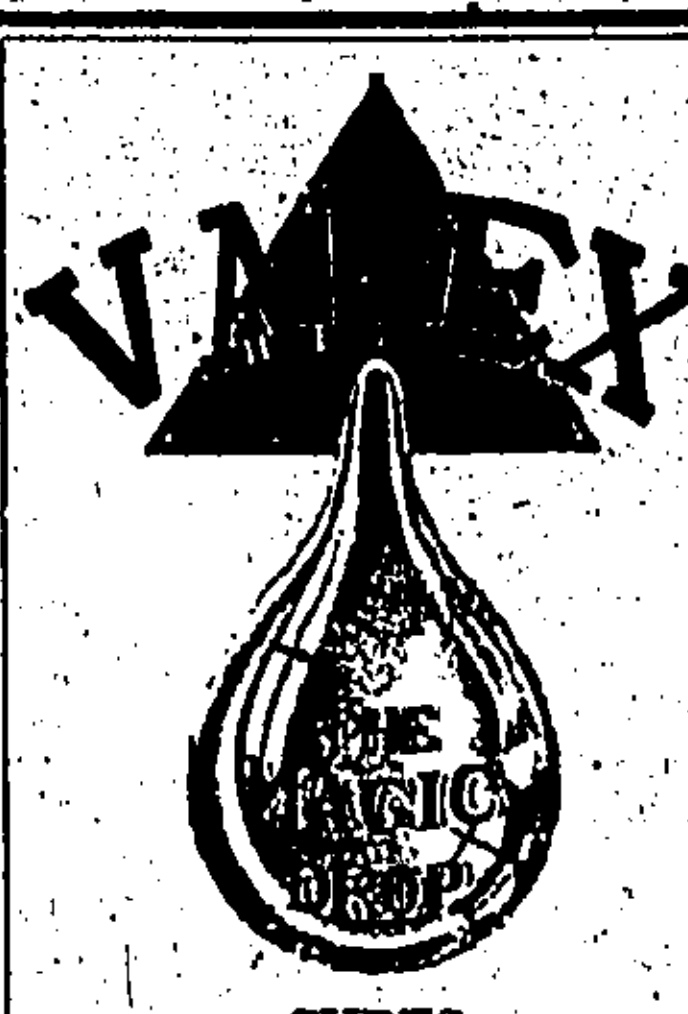
Paris.—The French Government is taking steps to remove the dissatisfaction that led to the Home Rule agitation reaching serious proportions in Alsace.

At its last meeting the Cabinet decided that all officials of the prefectural administration, which represents the central authority in the province, shall be transferred to other posts unless they have adequate knowledge of German.

By this decision the Prefect of the Bas-Rhin Department and the majority of the sub-prefects of Alsace will be replaced. M. Susin, the Prefect of the Haut-Rhin Department, is one of the few high officials who will retain their posts.

The driver and fireman of an L.M.S. express goods train escaped with slight injuries when the train was derailed and the engine fell on its side at Grays, but the guard had to be taken to hospital.

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SOUTH AMERICA (East Coast) via Singapore, Cape Town & Ports.  
KAMAKURA MARU ..... Saturday, 5th January.  
NEW YORK via PANAMA.  
TATSUNO MARU ..... Saturday, 16th January.  
LIVERPOOL via Port Said, Geneva, Marseilles.  
DURBAN MARU ..... Monday, 21st January.  
CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.  
GENOA MARU ..... Sunday, 6th January.  
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Colombo, Durban & Cape Town.  
MONTEVIDEO MARU ..... Friday, 8th February, 1929.  
BOMBAY—Via Singapore & Colombo.  
SHUNGO MARU ..... Thursday, 3rd January.  
SHINYO MARU ..... Monday, 7th January.  
CHIFUKU MARU ..... Saturday, 19th January, 1929.  
(Calls at Penang & Karachi).  
DURBAN, LOURENCO MARQUES, BEIRA, DAR-ES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR  
& MOINDASA—Via Singapore & Colombo.  
MEXICO MARU ..... Sunday, 6th January.  
CALCUTTA—Via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.  
TACOMA MARU ..... Wednesday, 2nd January.  
(Calls at Belawan & Deli).  
BORNEO MARU ..... Friday, 18th January.  
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER—Via Japan Ports From  
Shanghai.  
MELBOURNE via Manila, Brisbane & Sydney.  
BURMA MARU ..... Saturday, 5th January.  
SAIGON.  
HAIPHONG—Via Hanoi.  
MENADO MARU ..... Thursday, 3rd January 10 a.m.  
NEW YORK—Via Japan ports, San Francisco & Panama.  
HAVANA MARU ..... Sunday, 6th January.  
JAPAN PORTS.  
HAYAMA MARU ..... Sunday, 6th January.  
KASADO MARU ..... Thursday, 10th January, 1929.  
KEELUNG—Via SWATOW & AMOY.  
CANTON MARU ..... Sunday, 6th January Noon.  
TAKAO—Via SWATOW & AMOY.  
DELI MARU ..... Thursday, 10th January 10 a.m.  
TAKAO & KEELUNG.  
SOURABAYA MARU ..... Friday, 25th January, 1929.  
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## VISIT TO "ANKING"

JUDGE AND JURY VISIT  
SHIP  
PIRACY CASE TO-DAY

The "Anking" piracy case which  
was started at the Criminal Ses-  
sions on Friday, was continued on  
Saturday morning and afternoon,  
the Court sitting until 6 p.m. when  
it was found that with eight more  
witnesses to be heard, it was im-  
possible to finish the case on Sat-  
urday, as was at first hoped.

His Lordship the Chief Justice  
(Sir Henry Gollan, K.C.) accord-  
ingly gave an adjournment until 10.30  
this morning.

About an hour was spent in a  
visit to the "Anking" by Judge and  
Jury on Saturday morning. This  
was because in the course of his  
cross-examination of the first as-  
sistant comrade of the ship, Mr.  
C. G. Alabaster, K.C., for the de-  
fence, gave rise to a doubt as to  
whether this witness, from his own  
cabin, which was off a narrow  
passageway, was able to see what  
went on on the deck outside, as  
claimed by the witness in the box.

It was impossible to straighten  
the point out with the aid of the  
photographs produced in Court,  
and His Lordship decided that it  
would be more satisfactory to pro-  
ceed to the ship in harbour.

Visit to the "Anking"  
The Court adjourned just before  
noon, and proceeded to the "An-  
king" on board police launch No. 9.  
On board the ship the first as-  
sistant comrade successfully de-  
monstrated that from a port hole in  
his sleeping cabin, situated behind  
an outer cabin which he used as an  
office, a view could be had of the  
deck outside.

On board the "Anking" it was  
learned that the ship was due to  
sail from Hong Kong at 9 a.m., on  
New Year's Day, and on returning  
to Queen's Pier just before 1 p.m.,  
His Lordship decided to resume at  
2.15 in order to finish off all the  
witnesses from the ship.

These were Hong Woon-maa, the  
first assistant comrade, whose  
evidence was completed on Friday  
afternoon and was cross-examined  
on Saturday morning; and Liu  
Yeung the wireless operator, and  
Ng Tai-sam and Chau Sau-yim, both  
saloon boys, who gave evidence in  
the afternoon. All these witnesses  
deposed that they picked the accus-  
ed (Yuen Ping-kwan) out without  
hesitation at an identification  
parade held in Victoria Jail on  
November 4 last.

Evidence  
Hong, Liu, Ng and Chau all said  
that at some time or other during  
the time the "Anking" was under  
the control of the pirates they saw  
the accused in the first class saloon  
lying on a settee. They were all  
agreed that the accused carried a  
short firearm which was fastened  
to his right wrist. Two of the wit-  
nesses also said that the accused  
appeared to be seasick.

Hong, in his cross-examination,  
said that he spent most of the time  
in the saloon, but on September 28  
(two days after the ship was seized  
at about 6.50 p.m., on the  
26th), he went to his own  
cabin. From this place he saw  
third class passengers—being  
brought up the hatchway from  
the lower deck and searched by the  
accused and three or four other  
men who were standing in the  
shade shed by the super-structure.  
Afterwards the pirates went down  
to the lower deck, where the wit-  
ness presumed they searched the  
female passengers located in an-  
other part of this deck.  
Liu, the wireless operator, said  
that he first saw the accused soon

after the pirates seized the ship.  
He was seized by two men outside  
his own cabin, and after the  
pirates had severed the wireless  
leads on the roof of his cabin,  
they took him to the Captain's  
cabin. Soon afterwards the accus-  
ed came in and asked witness  
where the firearms were kept, and  
when he said he did not know, the  
accused struck him on the chest  
saying "You are lying."

What Saloon Boys Remembered  
Ng, one of the saloon boys, said  
he served the accused twice whilst  
the latter was lying on the settee  
in the saloon, first with coffee and  
again with tea and milk. Chau,  
the other saloon boy, said he did  
not serve the accused, but also  
saw him on the settee, and later  
saw him talking with other armed  
men.

An absent ship's witness was  
Li Ping-shan, who was boatswain  
on the "Anking" at the time of the  
piracy. Mr. Fitzroy (for the de-  
fence) called this man's son, Li  
Shu-sing, a seaman on the ship to  
prove that the witness had gone  
to the country because of illness  
and was still ill there.

The Bodies  
Afterwards Li Ping-shan's evi-  
dence was read in Court. In this  
statement Li said that on the 27th  
the pirates asked him to throw  
the bodies of the Chief Officer,  
Chief Engineer and the Chinese  
quartermaster overboard. The  
bodies of the two Europeans were  
covered with blood, but he could  
not see any wounds. He wanted  
to examine the bodies but the  
pirates would not allow him to  
do so. Two of the bodies were on  
deck, whilst that of the Chief En-  
gineer was outside the Doctor's  
cabin. All three bodies were stiff  
when thrown overboard. Three  
seamen assisted the witness to put  
the bodies overboard.  
Other witnesses were examined  
this morning.

## OCEAN TRAVEL

COMPULSORY PLAN OF  
INSURANCE

The report that an American  
passenger has begun an action,  
claiming \$10,000 for injuries and  
loss of effects in the "Vestris" dis-  
aster, serves as a reminder that the  
International Maritime Committee  
has under consideration a scheme  
for the compulsory insurance of  
passengers at sea.

This scheme has for its object the  
abolition of the varying liability  
which at present falls upon ship-  
owners for loss of life or personal  
injury under national laws and the  
substitution of an international  
code by which shipowners would  
voluntarily assume an obligation to  
compensate, at an agreed scale, all  
passengers accidentally injured in  
the course of a voyage, and the de-  
pendants of those who lost their  
lives by accident.

Originally it was intended that  
the scheme should apply only to  
emigrants, but it has developed  
until it is now proposed to include  
passengers of all classes. The ar-  
guments in its favour are that it would  
provide a definite basis on which all  
claims for accident could be adjust-  
ed, and would do away with the  
often expensive litigation which is  
inevitable in cases of more than  
minor importance.

Further, the scheme would ensure  
that the poorer class of passenger,  
often dependent upon continued  
health and activity for a livelihood,  
would receive compensation in the  
event of fortuitous accident for  
which the shipowner could not  
legally be held liable. An important  
feature of the scheme is that the  
contract of insurance would  
form part of the contract of car-  
riage, and would only be rendered  
void by accident caused by the  
wilful misconduct of the injured  
passenger.

The scheme, which has already  
been discussed by the Conferences  
held by the International Maritime  
Committee at Gothenburg in 1923,  
and Amsterdam in 1927, is ap-  
proaching completion, and it is pro-  
bable that at the Conference which  
will be held next year a draft con-  
vention will be adopted. The subse-  
quent process would be the submis-  
sion of the draft to the Brussels  
Diplomatic Conference, at which the  
representatives of those nations  
which intend to adopt the scheme  
would attach their signatures, after  
which the signatory nations would,  
in due course, enact the necessary  
legislation.

The proposal has the approval of  
many representative bodies, includ-  
ing the International Labour  
Bureau, but difficulties have been  
encountered in dealing with ques-  
tions arising in discussion since  
there is no body representative of  
ocean travellers, as such, by which  
their views can be expressed.

## WATER POLICE

A NEW LAUNCH AT  
HUNGHOM

An addition to the fleet of  
launches of the Water Police was  
made when a new vessel, 100 feet  
long and 21 feet beam, was  
launched from the slip-way of  
Messrs. W. S. Bailey & Co., Ltd.,  
at Hunghom on Friday.

The launch is to be known as  
"No. 3 Police" and is constructed  
of steel, with a deckhouse of the  
same material, besides the bridge  
deck, saloon, laboratory and bath-  
room, crew's quarters forward  
and aft. A gun is mounted for-  
ward, and both the wireless room  
and wheel house are shielded with  
bullet proof "dodgers."

The engines are Twin triples  
of 350 horse power given a speed  
of 10 1/2 knots.

The visitors included the Cap-  
tain Superintendent of Police, the  
Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, C.M.G.,  
and Mrs. Wolfe, Mr. L. H. C.  
Cuthrop, Asst. Superintendent of  
Police and Mr. T. W. H. Hoggood,  
Asst. Harbour Master; Mr.  
Robert Hall and Mrs. Hall, Mr.  
Percy Taylor and Mrs. Taylor,  
Mrs. Hurst, Captain K. Y. Wu,  
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Macfarlane,  
Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Bailey, Mr.  
C. F. Mendham, Mr. and Mrs.  
D. A. Goodwin, Mr. and Mrs. J.  
Fraser, Mr. George Wittich, Mr.  
A. A. Dand and Mr. James Jack.

After the launching ceremony,  
which was successfully performed  
at 9.15 p.m., in moonlight, with  
the customary breaking of a  
bottle of champagne over the bow,  
the party adjourned to the build-  
ers' office where refreshments  
were served.

In a neat speech, Mr. W. S.  
Bailey congratulated the Captain  
Superintendent of the Police upon  
the addition of the fleet, which he  
said, would further safeguard our  
trade. A large amount of the suc-  
cess of the new vessel was due to  
the able supervision of Mr. R. R.  
Hall, Assistant Government sur-  
veyor.

At last was then drunk to the  
new vessel, to which the Hon.  
Mr. Wolfe, in reply, complimented  
the builders upon their fine work.  
Mr. Hall and Mr. Mendham also  
spoke, the latter thanking Mr.  
Bailey on behalf of the staff.

## HONG KONG TIDE.

The tide-table given below has been  
obtained by aid of the Tide-predicting  
Machine, which includes 40 components  
for the better prediction of tides, from  
the result of the analysis of the tide  
observations, taken at the Kaula  
tidal observatory under the direction  
of Dr. Dobereck during the years 1887  
1888 and 1889.

The times and heights are given for  
Kaula; but they may be used for  
the Victoria Naval Yard and Aber-  
deen, the differences being very small.  
The times of high and low water  
must not be considered to coincide  
with the times of slack-water and  
change of current, the two phenomena  
being quite distinct.

Dec. 28, 1928 to Jan. 3, 1929.

Date	HIGH WATER		LOWER WATER	
	Standard Time	Ht.	Standard Time	Ht.
Fri. 28	11 47	4.4	4 47	0.2
Sat. 29	9 57	8.6	3 16	8.5
	10 34	4.3	4 34	0.3
Sun. 30	10 16	8.8	3 56	3.7
	11 36	4.3	4 16	0.6
Mon. 31	11 33	7.7	4 41	3.8
	2 7	4.4	5 31	1.0
Tues. 1	10 56	7.1	6 56	1.3
	3 28	4.6	8 28	4.2
Wed. 2	1 16	8.2	8 47	1.4
	4 14	4.8	9 41	4.3
Thurs. 3	3 49	6.0	10 10	3.4
	5 5	4.2	10 12	4.1



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MON. 31st DECEMBER.

JANUARY.

SAT. 5th MON. 21st

THURS. 10th SAT. 26th

TUES. 15th THURS. 31st

S.S. "TAI MING"

[649 tons—Capt. G. J. Spink.]

JANUARY.

THURS. 3rd FRI. 18th

TUES. 10th WED. 23rd

SUN. 15th MON. 28th

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## MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The B.I. s.s. "Santha" left Singa-  
pore for this port on Dec. 27 at  
p.m., and is due here on Jan. 2,  
1929 at p.m.

The P. & O. s.s. "Alipore" left  
Singapore for this port on Friday  
at 8 a.m., and is due here on Jan.  
4 at about 7 a.m.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of  
France" left Vancouver for Hong  
Kong, via Japan ports and Shang-  
hai, on Dec. 23, and is due here  
on Jan. 10. She will sail for  
Manila at 5 p.m. on Jan. 11.

The M.V. "Nippon" (Swedish  
East Asiatic Co., Ltd.), left Dun-  
kirk on Dec. 24, and is due here  
on or about Jan. 31.

Projected arrivals at and depar-  
tures from Hong Kong of steam-  
ers under the management of the  
Bank Line, Ltd., are as follows:—

Arrivals at Hong Kong

S.S. "Leverbank" from New

York, January 6.

S.S. "City of Bedford" from

New York, January 8.

S.S. "City of Pekin" from

Europe, January 25.

S.S. "Polaris" from New York,

February 1.

Sailings From Hong Kong

S.S. "Leverbank" Boston, New

York and Baltimore, January 6.

S.S. "City of Bedford" Shang-  
hai, January 9.

S.S. "City of Lahore" Straits,  
Colombo, London, Rotterdam and  
Hamburg, January 9.

S.S. "City of Pekin" Shanghai  
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S.S. "Polaris" Saigon, February  
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MANTIA	10,946	5th Jan.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
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*ALPORE	5,273	24th Jan.	Straits, Colombo & Bombay.
MOREA	10,953	2nd Feb.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*KIDDERPORE	5,273	7th Feb.	Straits, Colombo & Bombay.
KASHGAR	9,005	16th Feb.	Marseilles, London & Hull.
*MACDONIA	11,120	2nd Mar.	Marseilles, London & Hull.
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TILAWA	10,000	6th Feb.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
TAKLIWA	7,936	13th Feb.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
TAKADA	6,540	18th Feb.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
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MOREA	10,953	4th Jan.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
*KIDDERPORE	5,273	7th Jan.	Moji & Kobe.
ARAFURA	6,000	8th Jan.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
TILAWA	10,000	14th Jan.	Amoy, S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
*KASHGAR	9,005	18th Jan.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
*PADUA	5,207	18th Jan.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
TAKLIWA	7,936	20th Jan.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
TAKADA	6,540	23rd Jan.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
*KIDDERPORE	5,273	29th Jan.	Moji & Kobe.
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## CHITTAGONG, INDIA

PLANS FOR ENLARGEMENT  
OF PORT

REMOVING BARS

Aside from Calcutta, Bengal now  
has another major port. Chitta-  
gong, in Eastern Bengal, was grant-  
ed this status on April 1, 1923,  
which means that its statutory au-  
thority will be transferred from  
the local government to the Gov-  
ernor-General in Council, which  
will make possible various improve-  
ments. The port is located on the  
right bank of the river Karnafuli  
at a distance of five miles from the  
open sea.

As an inland port, Chittagong is  
protected from the sea and provid-  
ed with jetties and anchorages to  
suit inland as well as seagoing  
craft of all kinds. The port has  
been handicapped somewhat be-  
cause of the insufficiency of water  
in the river, preventing deep-draft  
steamers from taking full cargoes;  
but provision is being made to over-  
come this difficulty. A powerful  
dredger, costing 1,600,000 rupees,  
has been recently delivered. This  
will remove sandy bars at the  
month of the Karnafuli so as to ad-  
mit big steamers from the Bay of  
Bengal within port limits.

The Jetties

Chittagong is considered one of  
the cleanest cargo shipping ports  
in the world, writes Mr. W. G. Pat-  
terson, Assistant U. S. Trade Com-  
missioner at Calcutta, in "Com-  
merce Reports." The jetties are  
located approximately five miles  
from the open sea and five miles  
from the city proper. The draft  
of vessels in and out is governed by  
the water available over the outer  
bar. Average draft of all  
the year round is 21 ft.,  
and the maximum is 23 ft.;  
the largest draft of any vessel  
that has ever entered the port was  
26 ft. 4 in. Owing to the nature  
of the channel, ships cannot enter  
with safety which are over 600 feet  
in length.

At present there are four  
jetties at double moorings, all  
operated by the Assam Bengal  
Railway; they are 1,380 feet long  
and able to berth four large  
steamers. "Aside" from the  
jetties, cargo may be loaded and  
discharged by means of lighters.  
The jetties are equipped with 20  
hydraulic cranes of 35 cwt.  
capacity, and a radius of 22 feet.  
Each crane is capable of lifting  
five tons at a radius of 22 feet,  
and 10 tons at 11 feet radius.  
Anything beyond this capacity up  
to 20 tons is lifted ashore by the  
ships gear and handled ashore by  
steam cranes. Assembled locomotives  
have been discharged on their  
wheels direct for the ship to rail-  
way tracks on the jetties.

The unloading capacity of each  
crane is 250 tons per day, but that  
for grain is much larger, and  
reaches 600 to 1,000 tons per day,  
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Tian via S'hai & S'hai	WANGSANG	Wed., 9th Jan. at 7 a.m.
Tian via S'hai & S'hai	KWASANG	Sun., 13th Jan. at 7 a.m.
Osaka via Amoy, Shanghai		
Moji & Kobe	KUMSANG	Wed., 2nd Jan. at 7 a.m.
Osaka via Amoy, Shanghai		
Moji & Kobe	FOOKSANG	Thurs., 10th Jan. at 7 a.m.
Straits & Calcutta	NAMSANG	Fri., 4th Jan. at 3 p.m.
Straits & Calcutta	KUTSANG	Wed., 9th Jan. at 3 p.m.
Sandakan	MAUSANG	Mon., 14th Jan. at 10 a.m.
Sandakan	HINSANG	Fri., 18th Jan. at 3 p.m.
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The State Board of Shipping has  
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of the merchant fleet of Norway  
during the past year as compared  
with previous years, the figures  
comprising steamers and motor-  
ships of 25 gross tons and over  
and sailing vessels of 50 tons and  
over.

At the end of 1922 the report  
states that the number of steamers,  
motorships and sailing vessels was  
3,696, of 2,944,000 gross register  
tons, as compared with 3,719 of  
2,852,000 gross tons at the  
close of 1921, and 3,290, of  
2,586,000 gross tons at the end of  
1913. A comparison shows that  
there was a net increase of 92,000  
gross tons in 1922 over 1921.  
Motorships increased by 110,000  
tons, while the steam and sailing  
ships were fewer. New construc-  
tion in Norway only represented  
5,614 tons last year. To a material  
extent the growth of the fleet  
was brought about by the pur-  
chase of new ships built abroad,  
and a considerable tonnage of  
second-hand ships was also ac-  
quired, while at the same time a  
greater tonnage of old ships was  
disposed of by Norway to other  
countries.

Quoting from statistics, ascer-  
tained by the Norske Veritas  
Bureau, concerning ships of 100  
gross tons upwards, the report  
shows that 31 ships of a total of  
26,875 gross tons were lost in 1922,  
the loss percentage having been  
0.97 per cent. This contrasts  
with 1.06 per cent. in 1921, and  
1.59 per cent. in 1920. The aver-  
age in the years 1910-1914 was  
3.04 per cent. In 1921-1922, war  
losses not being included.

The fleet is now composed of  
ships of more recent construction  
than prior to the war. Last year  
for instance, 65.4 per cent. of the  
entire merchant fleet was of less  
than an age of 15 years, this pro-  
portion comparing with 47.9 per  
cent. in 1913. Detailing the per-  
centage for 1922, it is stated that  
out of 65.4 per cent., 21.9 per cent.  
represented ships of less than 15  
years, 23.9 per cent. those of be-  
tween 10 and 15 years. Thus  
a large part of the merchant fleet  
consists of very new ships. The  
average size of the ships has also  
grown. In 1913 ships of over  
2,000 gross tons formed 44 per  
cent. of the entire steam and motor  
tonnage, while the corresponding  
figure for 1922 is 65.2 per cent.  
The increase has been the greatest  
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Messrs. Anderson & Ash on the  
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1923, or they will not be recognis-  
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Pres. Cleveland	Feb. 12th	Pres. Madison	Feb. 19th

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Pres. Polk	Feb. 10th 8 a.m.	Pres. Harrison	Mar. 24th 8 a.m.

## To Manila.

Pres. Taft	Jan. 1st 6 p.m.	Pres. Grant	Jan. 10th 6 p.m.
Pres. McKinley	Jan. 15th 6 p.m.	Pres. Lincoln	Jan. 29th 6 p.m.
Pres. Jefferson	Jan. 15th 6 p.m.	Pres. Cleveland	Feb. 2nd 6 p.m.

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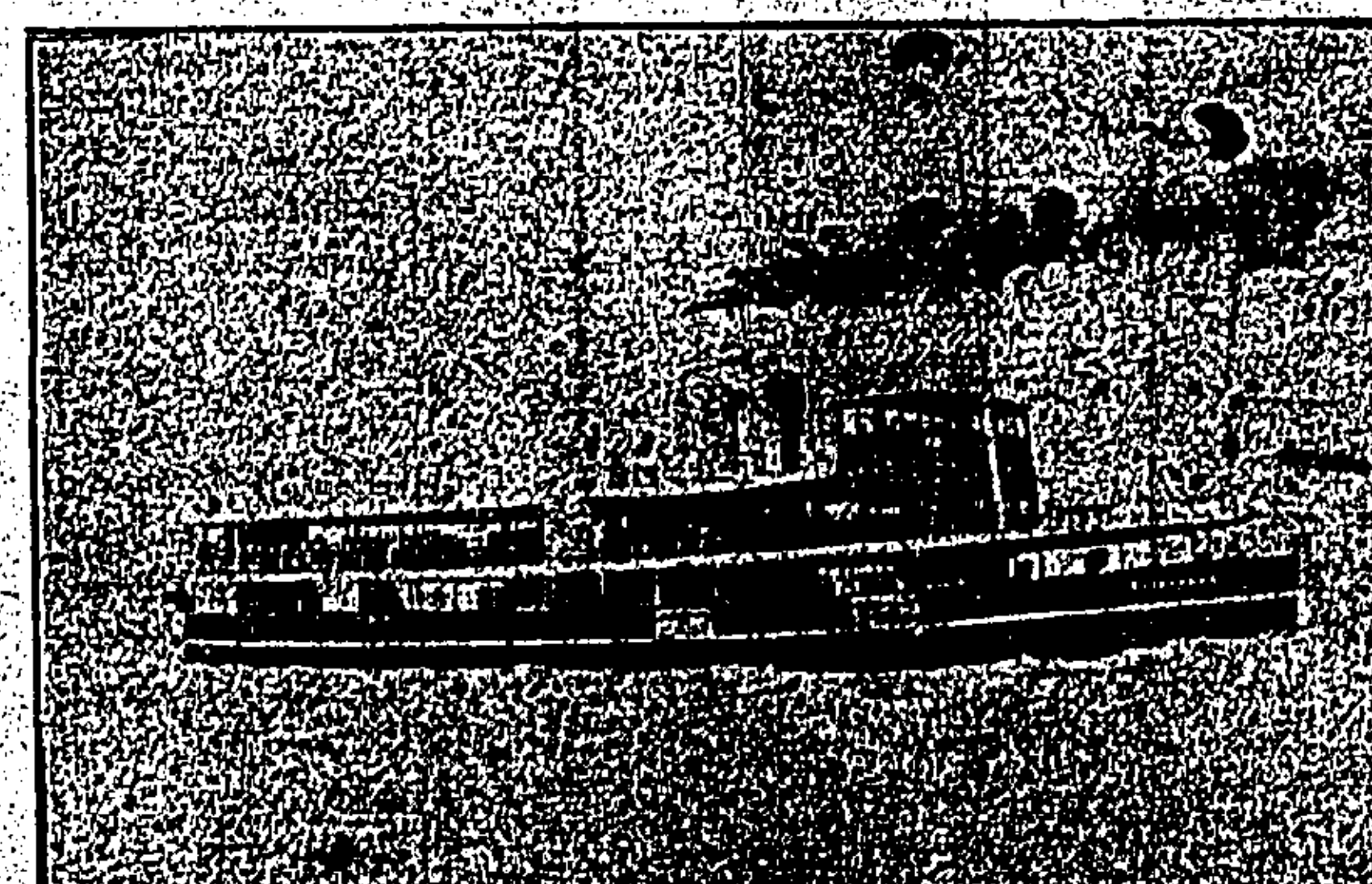
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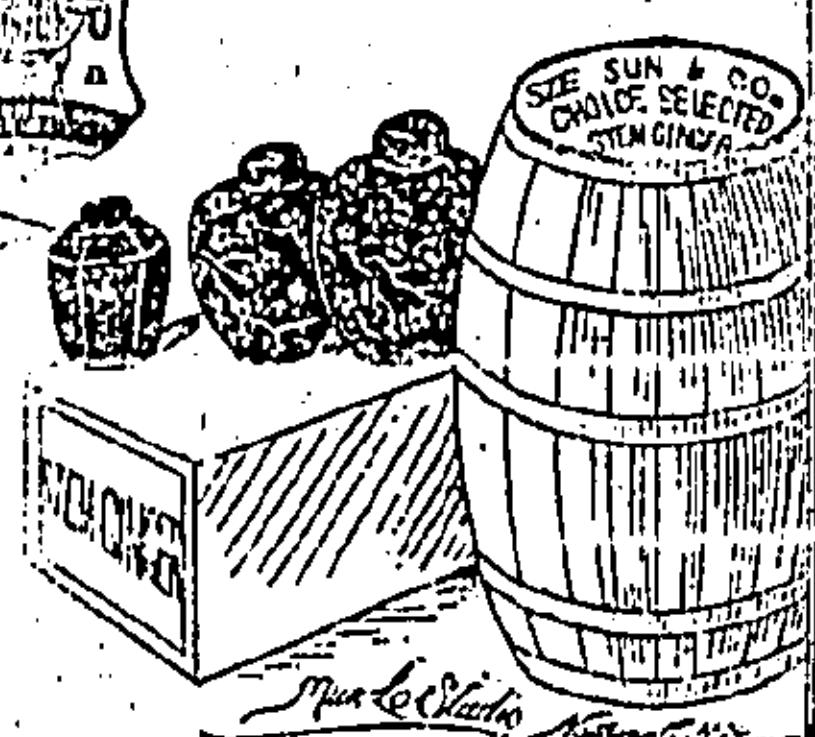
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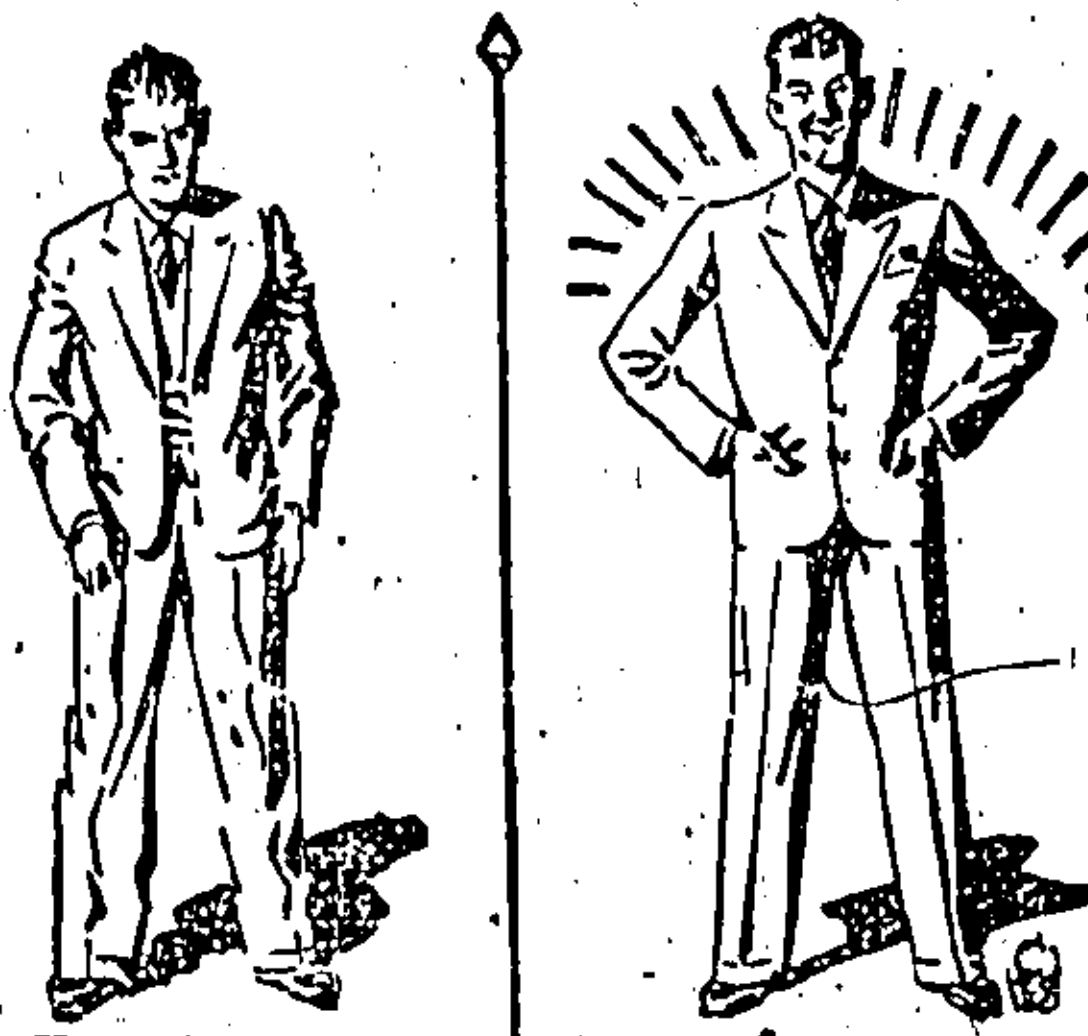
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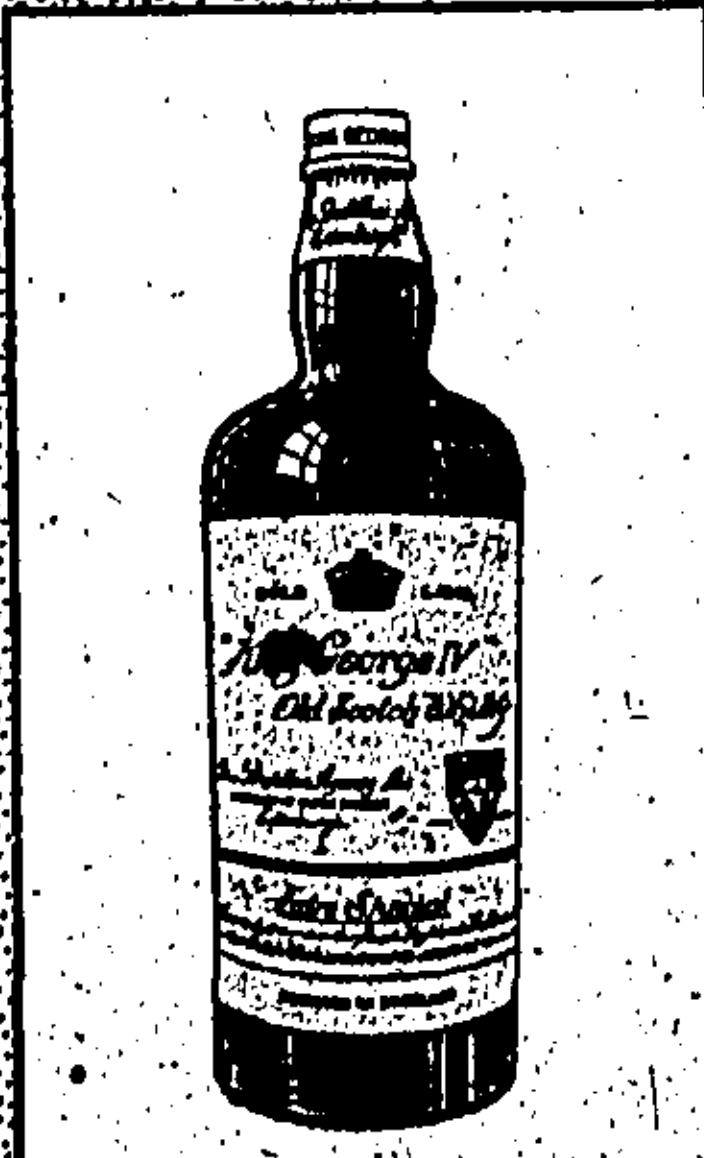
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As this is the last day of the  
year 1928 and we are on the eve  
of a New Year it would be well to  
look back a little at what has  
taken place and to try to anti-  
cipate somewhat as to what may  
be in store during the next brief  
milestone—1929. Both political-  
ly and economically Canton, to  
say nothing of China as a whole,  
has continued to be almost as per-  
turbed as during the few years  
previously. The Colony naturally  
and necessarily has suffered in  
consequence. At the beginning  
of 1928 the appalling "Red"  
upheaval in Canton and the  
minor disturbances in Kwang-  
tung Province that had happened  
in the last month of 1927 con-  
tinued to have a very adverse  
effect upon the Colony's com-  
merce with China's great com-  
mercial centre of the South, even  
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Chan Shiu-yim (distinction in mathematics); Chua Teck-hong; Lai Hau-sik; Lau Po-wing (distinction in Biblical knowledge); R. Lau; Lee Hui-ngak (distinction in Biblical knowledge); Lee Khun-lau; Sok Kurama (distinction in mathematics); Tan Sui-chin; Wen Kit-choi; Woo Tien-ki.  
Central British School  
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Sacred Heart English College  
Li Hong-ning.  
St. Peter's College  
Wong Tak-vim (distinction in mathematics).  
Private Study  
Chan Kwong-chiu; So Ping-kwong.  
Deacons School  
Leung Tin-sun (distinction in arithmetic and mathematics).  
St. Stephens' Girls' College  
C. M. Braga (distinction in English and music); C. Lam; Law Pui-yu; Leung Shuk-hing; Leung Tin-sang (distinction in mathematics); Li Sau-man (distinction in English, mathematics, music and Biblical knowledge); E. Lyen (distinction in English, music and Biblical knowledge); K. I. Lyman (distinction in English, mathematics and Biblical knowledge); T. Ma (distinction in English); Ng Tak-yuen (distinction in Biblical knowledge); To Hon-ping (distinction in Biblical knowledge); To Hon-sum (distinction in Biblical knowledge); Wen Pui-yew; Wu Lai-king; Yeung So-min.  
Belilos' Public School  
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Diocesan Girls' School  
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Ying Wah Girls' School  
Leung Tsui-hoi (distinction in music); Wong May-chan; Wong Yuk-hui; Wong Yuk-ting; Yeung Yuk-wa.  
French Convent  
M. Barretto; N. Brown; E. Johnson (distinction in English and geography); J. Mak (distinction in Biblical knowledge); A. Noronha (distinction in Biblical knowledge); M. Singson; O. Singson; E. Zamora (distinction in French); L. Zapanta.  
Italian Convent  
O. Baptista (distinction in English and Biblical knowledge); A. Chan Yiching (distinction in English and arithmetic); K. Lai (distinction in arithmetic); B. I. Lee (distinction in Biblical knowledge); D. P. Leonard; C. Leong (distinction in Biblical knowledge); C. M. Remedios; R. Rumjahn; F. Tong; J. Tong (distinction in drawing); K. Tso (distinction in drawing and Biblical knowledge); Tsui Shiu-lan (distinction in arithmetic and Biblical knowledge); M. Xavier (distinction in Biblical knowledge).  
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## TO-DAY'S RADIO

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## ON 300-METRES

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Government radio station on the Peak, the wave-length being 300 metres. The call sign of the station is G.O.V.

1.48 p.m.—Weather Report.  
5.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.—Demonstration Programme, Chinese and European Music.

7.48 p.m.—Evening Weather Report.  
8 p.m. to 10.30 p.m.—Evening Programme (Victor Records).

"Chloe" and "Garden in the Rain"—George Metaxa, Tenor.  
"Blue Bird, Sing Me A Song" and "Worrying"—Melville Gideon, Baritone.

"Happy" and "Worryin'"—De Groot and the Piccadilly Orchestra.  
"Sweet Marie" and "Loved One"—Henry Burr, Tenor.

"Broken Hearted"—Aileen Stanley, Soprano.  
"Who Are You Fooling To-night"—Vaughan De Leath, Contralto.

"There Are Eyes" and "I'm Going Back To Old Nebraska"—Melville Gideon, Baritone.

"The Beggar" and "Fancy Our Meeting"—Lillian Davies, Soprano.  
"Dreaming the Waltz Away" and "Lay My Head Beneath A Rose"—Jesse Crawford, Wurlitzer Organ.

"Wind Amongst the Trees"—Clement Barone, Flute Solo.  
"At The Brook"—Venetian Trio.  
"Thinking of You" and "Sunny"—Gene Austin.

"Blue Skies" and "Falling in Love With You"—Jesse Crawford.  
"Carnival of Venice"—Toti Dal Monte, Coloratura Soprano.

"In A Persian Market" and "Raymond" (Overture)—Coldstream Guards Band.  
"The Sailor's Grave" and "Take A Pair of Sparkling Eyes"—Derek Oldham, Tenor.

"Ave Maria" (Schubert) and "Rondo" (Schubert)—Jascha Heifetz, Violin Solo.

"Die Meistersinger"—Overture—Chicago Symphony Orchestra.  
"Lucia di Lammermoor"—Mad Scene (act 3), Toti Dal Monte.

"Goyescas" (Intermezzo) and "Adagio"—Pablo Casals, Violoncello Solo.

"Daughter of the Regiment"—Tis Time to Part—Toti Dal Monte.  
"Lucia di Lammermoor"—Silence O'er All.

God Save The King.  
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## LESSON-SERMON

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST,  
SCIENTIST, HONG KONG

"Christian Science" was the subject of the Lesson-Sermon in all Church of Christ, Scientist, on Sunday, December 30.

The Golden Text was, "The Lord hath made bare his holy arm in the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God" (Isaiah 52: 10).

Among the citations which comprised the Lesson-Sermon was the following from the Bible: "And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb. In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month; and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations" (Rev. 22: 1, 2).

The Lesson-Sermon also included the following passages from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," by Mary Baker Eddy: "The Bible contains the recipe for all healing. 'The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.' Sin and sickness are both healed by the same Principle. The tree is typical of man's divine Principle, which is equal to every emergency, offering full salvation from sin, sickness and death" (p. 466).

The ashes of Mr. Monte Bayly, secretary of the Variety Artists' Federation, who was cremated at Golders Green, N.W., were recently scattered to the wind and sea from Bournemouth pier.

St. Mary's School  
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Private Study  
Chan Yok-ying; Fok Chung-ching (distinction in needlework); Wong Yee-wa (distinction in mathematics).

## FILIPINO PATRIOT

A COMMEMORATION  
GATHERING

## AT PENINSULA HOTEL

Last evening the members of the local Filipino community commemorated the anniversary of the death of Rizal, the Filipino patriot, by holding a concert and dance on the Roof Garden of the Peninsula Hotel, Kowloon.

Dr. J. Pnes, Chairman of the Filipino Club, welcomed the guests and referred them to a short history of the famous leader printed on the programme.

Then followed a very enjoyable concert, in which a symphony orchestra composed of members of the community took part and demonstrated that there is a considerable amount of musical talent among the local Filipinos.

The symphony concert included Delibes' "Dalla Intermezzo" and Ponchielli's "Dance of the Hours," and items were contributed by Mr. C. Y. Pasang (violin), Mr. G. d'Aguiro (vocal) and Professor A. S. Santiago (piano). Professor F. Gonzales was accompanist.

The dancing which followed was heartily enjoyed.

## HOW TO REDUCE

SHOWN AT MAJESTIC  
THEATRE

Harry Langdon, First National Comedy king, has discovered a new method and infallible method of reducing. He claims that by following his procedure any human being can take off not only all superfluous flesh, but even all essential flesh.

The Moon-faced comedian's revolutionary method is set forth in his new comedy, "Tramp, Tramp, Tramp," which will be screened at the Majestic Theatre, Kowloon, from to-day till Wednesday. It consists in tying a heavy weight on to one foot, tossing this weight in a moving freight car and then running along with the train on the other foot. This procedure, the comedian asserts, will take off ten pounds a mile.

In "Tramp, Tramp, Tramp," Harry uses a ball and chain for the necessary weight. Not having too much avoidpoids, he only accompanies the train for about five minutes.

Beautiful Jean Crawford plays opposite the comedian. The rest of the highly able cast includes Tom Murray, Edward Davis, Alex. Francis, and Brooks Benedict.

## LOCAL COMPOSERS

MUSICALES AT HELENA  
MAY

On Tuesday, January 15 at 6.30 an extra musicale will be held at the Helena May Institute. This is of more than usual interest as it is the first concert given her consisting solely of works by local composers. The abbreviated programme is:

1. Variations and Fugue on a theme of Beethoven for two pianos: Harry Ore; Mrs. Bonenfant and the Composer.

2. Three Songs: A. M. Bowes-Smith; Mrs. A. M. Bowes-Smith.

3. Piano Transcriptions of Cantoneses Songs: Harry Ore; Mr. Harry Ore.

4. Elegie for Cello and Piano: Harry Ore; Mr. and Mrs. Bonenfant.

5. (a) Three Preludes for Piano, (b) Barcarolle: Lt.-Col. P. A. Cardew, Capt. Macnair; Mrs. Bonenfant.

6. Trio in A minor for Piano, Violin and Cello: Lt.-Col. P. A. Cardew; Mrs. Bonenfant, Capt. Macnair and Mr. Bonenfant.

## LOCAL BLAZE

ELEVEN SMALL HOUSES AT  
SHAMSHUPO DESTROYED

A Chinese boy was seriously injured and over 20 pigs were burned in a fire which broke out at Shamsuipo on Saturday morning. Eleven small brick houses were involved.

The first alarm was given at a match on Tin Liu-street, Shamsuipo. The flames, fanned by the north-east wind, spread with alarming rapidity, and three fire engines turned out to the scene. The No. 1 and No. 2 fire floats also attended and used searchlights to help the fire fighters.

The fire raged for over an hour and 100 Chinese farmers are reported to be homeless in consequence of the outbreak.

## FOLKS EXPLANATION

A Chinese gave himself up to the police on Friday as the result of a warrant against him for the alleged embezzlement of \$74.80 having been collected on behalf of the Chi Sun printing shop of No. 89 Hollywood-road. On being brought before Major C. Willson, O.B.E., on Saturday, the defendant denied that he had embezzled the money and said he had only given it to the other folk of the shop as salary. The case was adjourned.

## SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED  
IN THE MAIL

To-day—Queen's Theatre: "Madame Pompadour" and "Carp's Parisian Revue" at 9.20 p.m.  
To-day—World Theatre: "The Quarterback."

To-day—Star Theatre: "The Magic Flame."  
Jan. 1—"Gilbert and Sullivan" Concert at Helena May Institute, 5.30 p.m.

Land Sale.  
To-day—At P.W.D. Offices, one lot of Crown Land at Mong Kok Tsui, 3 p.m.

Emmer's Auction.  
Jan. 4.—At Sales Room, Duddell-st., a valuable collection of Postage stamps, 5.15 p.m.

Sports.  
Jan. 1.—Fanning Hunt ride at Hunters Arms, 10.30 a.m.  
Jan. 1.—Kowloon C.G. Children's Sport.

Jan. 1.—Police Recreation Club Children's Sports.

Miscellaneous.  
Jan. 7.—Lecture and film show by Mr. Clarke Irvine at Helena May Institute, 5 p.m.

## FINE WORK

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE AND  
VACCINATION

## 191,372 CASES

From Dec. 3 to Dec. 28 the number of Chinese vaccinated—free of charge—by Members of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, up to and including Friday, Dec. 28 were:

Chinese Y.M.C.A. Division . . . 23,702  
King's College Division . . . 24,263  
Railway Division . . . 2,821  
Indian Division . . . 2,887  
Kowloon Division . . . 60,408  
Mongkok Division . . . 63,934  
Shaokwan Division . . . 6,937  
Un Long . . . 917  
St. Joseph's College Division . . 6,130  
Victoria Nursing Division . . . 464  
Y.W.C.A. Nursing Division . . . 319

Grand Total . . . 191,372

## "MOCKERY"

COMING TO QUEEN'S  
THEATRE

"Mockery," Lon Chaney's new picture for Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer which opens at the Queen's Theatre on Thursday, is a dramatic mystery play of the Russian revolution.

Chaney plays the role of a strange, hermit-like peasant who worships a girl of the upper classes and is content to be her slave if he can only serve her. Then by a strange turn of fate, she is placed absolutely in his power. The bloodshed and horror of the revolution rages about them. The peasant becomes a leader, and, drunk with his power, he all but destroys the thing he had loved. His love changes to brutality and then the unexpected happens in a most dramatic climax and the peasant pays with his life for a disaster he could not avert.

As the strange mujik of darkened Russia, Chaney has a role rich in unusual and startling opportunity. His supporting cast is one of ability, headed by Barbara Bedford as leading lady and Ricardo Cortez as the young officer she loves.

Benjamin Christensen directed the tale with such directorial skill as to place it among the finest pictures of the season.

"The Quarter Back," which ends its run at the World Theatre to-day, is a fine, fast moving picture of college life, and is very entertaining. Richard Dix, who is a most popular male screen star, plays the part of a young collegiate, and Esther Ralston supports him as a pretty co-ed.

Besides a "corking" theme, the picture is full of thrills which are plentifully furnished in a ripping foot-ball game, in which Dix, as a quarter back, plays a mammoth part in the victory of his college over their famous rivals. The match is splendidly taken and is followed with the greatest ease, the ball being always in the picture.

The piece is not only a mere college story; it is also a romantic comedy full of fun and interest. For a thrilling and at the same time clean and healthy picture, one would have to go a long way to beat "The Quarter Back."

"THE LAST NATION"

Washington, Saturday.  
The State Department has transmitted a draft of the Pact to the Chinese Minister to serve as a basis for the Sino-American Arbitration Treaty.

China is the last nation, represented at Washington, to be offered the Pact by Mr. F. B. Kellogg, Secretary of the State Department—Reuter's American Service.



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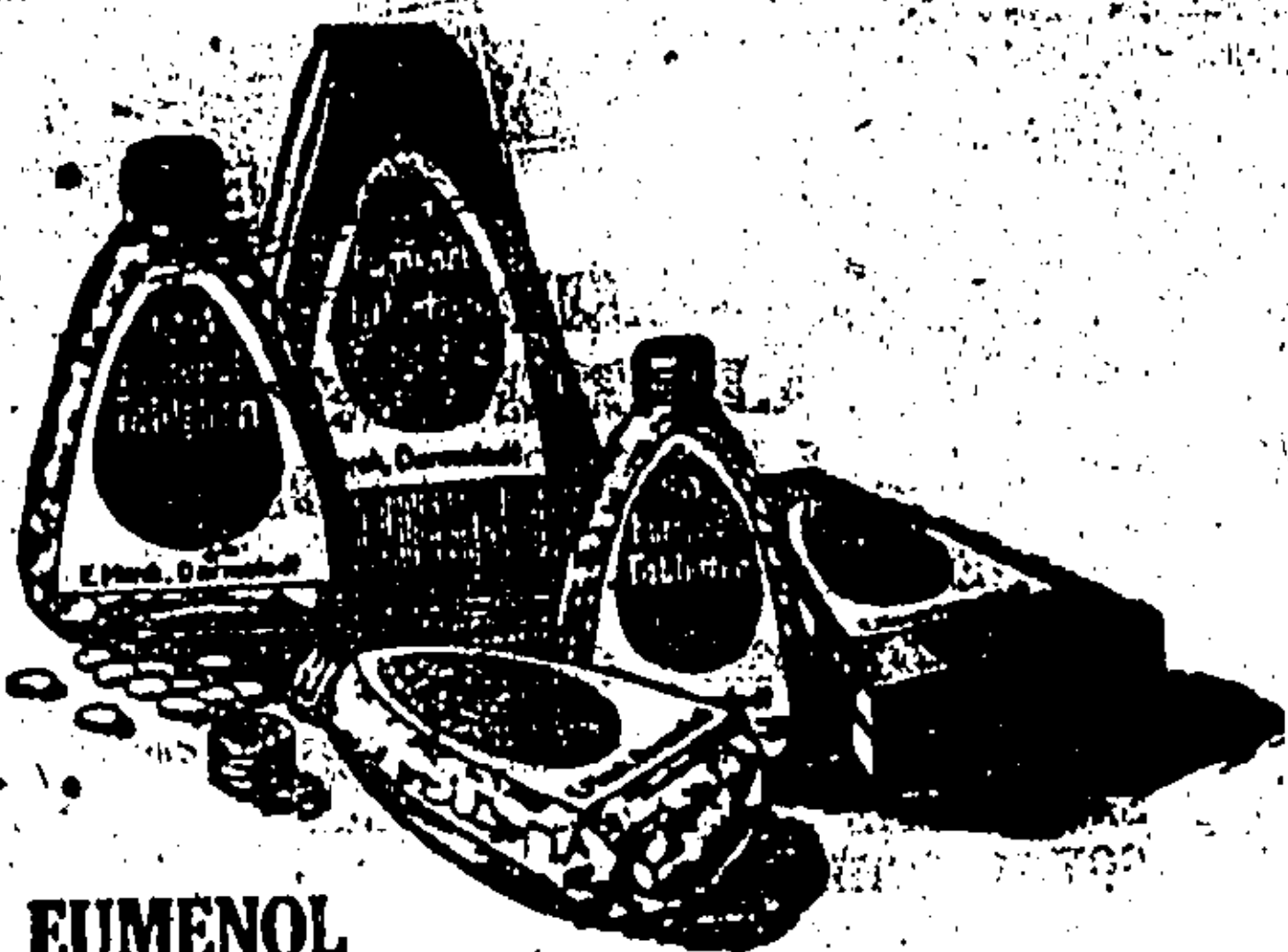
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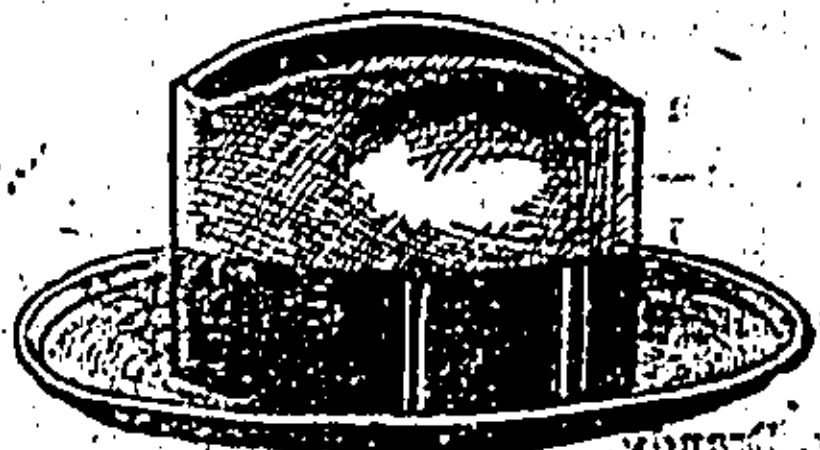
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## GEN. LUDENDORFF

WHEN THE EX-KAISER LOST POWER

AT END OF THE WAR

Berlin.—The all-powerful dictatorship exercised by General Ludendorff and the total impotence of the Kaiser "during the second half of the War" has never been described with such incisive clarity as in a book on the origin of the German Republic by the Berlin historian, Artur Rosenberg, now published.

"On Aug. 29, 1918," he says, "the Kaiser was compelled by feeling in the Army and the people to dismiss his Chief of Staff, General Falkenhayn. With this day begins the liquidation of the Bismarckian Empire, and, if you like, the German revolution." In his place came Hindenburg, together with Ludendorff, who assumed the newly-created title of "First Quartermaster-General," and was henceforth the real master of the Kaiser's Army and nation. "Ludendorff," says Herr Rosenberg, "devised the plan of operations and Hindenburg covered them with his name. The Kaiser thereby lost the supreme command of the Army which he at least formally retained till August, 1918."

Ludendorff's Methods

Ludendorff's method of usurping the dictatorship was a simple one. Whenever any military or political proposal came up of which he disapproved, he exerted pressure by declaring that he could not bear the "responsibility."

"Imperial authority had sunk so low and that of the two Army commanders had grown so strong, that Wilhelm II. was powerless against them. If the Kaiser had attempted in 1917 to suppress Ludendorff, the Ludendorff crisis would very soon have become the Kaiser crisis."

Ludendorff made and unmade Chancellors. When Ludendorff objected to Bethmann Holweg's policy Bethmann Holweg went. Ludendorff on the fleeting impression of a single meeting approved of Michaelis, Michaelis became Chancellor.

"That is how Germany was ruled during the War," he says. Ludendorff similarly reserved the right to determine the ex-Kaiser's personal environment at Court. He objected to von Valentini as chief of the civil cabinet, and the Kaiser dismissed von Valentini to order. The Kaiser strongly felt the humiliation of his position, and as usual found vent for his feelings in marginal notes.

In January, 1918, a Berlin newspaper published an article on the relations between Ludendorff and Kuhlmann, the ex-Foreign Secretary, another of Ludendorff's victims. Against all the passages attacking Ludendorff the Kaiser would write "Yes," "Quite Right," "Excellent." The article hinted that all was not well with the relations between the military and political leadership, whereas the Kaiser wrote, "Because the Kaiser is ignored by both sides."

Bismarck Avenged

"That," says Herr Rosenberg, "is the same Wilhelm II. who in 1890 could drive away a Bismarck, and who was once minded to trample down everything that opposed his path. But now he had found his master in Ludendorff. The Kaiser was ignored on all sides. Bismarck was avenged."

It is almost comic to turn from this account to an article published by Ludendorff to-day, in which he violently seconds the ex-Crown Prince's fulminations against Prince Max of Baden, Hindenburg, and others for virtually deposing the Kaiser.

## ICHANG "BOYCOTT"

PILOTS KEPT AWAY FROM B. &amp; S. SHIPS

Ichang, Saturday.  
The situation here remains unchanged.

Ichang, Friday.  
The Society waging a boycott against the Japanese has now prevented pilots from going aboard vessels of the China Navigation Co., Ltd. (Messrs. Butterfield and Swire). The boycott men's excuse is that they wish to search the cargoes carried.

[This appears to be the only Yangtze port where the anti-Japanese boycott is enforced in any way, and it seems doubtful whether there are more in the movement than a local "squeeze" committee endeavouring to force their own terms on shippers.—British Naval Wireless.]

Mr. J. Akhurst, of Durkin's road, East Grinstead, Surrey, who was 98 last month, is a brother of Mr. C. Akhurst, of 10, Leopold-road, East Finchley, Middlesex, who is 100 years old.

Lieutenant-General Baron Jacques de Dixmude, who died in Brussels recently, aged 70, served in the front line throughout the war.

## THE HIGHER SLANG

"MUCH COMMONPLACES" OF SPEECH

CLICHES OF THE LANGUAGE

A committee appointed by the Board of Education has just issued a report in which it is stated that children no longer understand "the rich commonplaces of traditional English speech," such as a "mess of pottage," "Job's comforters," and "a barren fig tree."

In so far as this is evidence that modern children, or a great number of them, are less familiar with the Bible than their fathers were, this is to be regretted (writes Robert Lynd in the "Daily News").

It is important that everybody should know the great cliches of the language and that nobody should use them.

I remember a woman who, on the appearance of tea, used always to exclaim with a prim smile, "Ah, the cup that cheers!"—a phrase, by the way, which is not in the Bible, and, apart from that, is a misquotation. I never heard her using it without wishing that she had been less familiar with the classics of English literature, and at least that she could have concealed her familiarity in presence of a teapot.

Not For Talking

The use of phrases like this is merely a kind of higher slang. It is comparable to the old fashion of quoting Latin tags in the House of Commons. It is an excellent thing to know Latin, but there is no more merit in quoting a Latin tag than in talking the latest slang recorded in the works of Mr. P. C. Wodehouse. It is a pity not to know the latest slang, but it is equally a pity to talk it—or, at least, to talk nothing else.

At the same time, I think the gradual disappearance of the higher slang from conversation is an ominous sign. It means that school-children are being educated more and more on modern authors and are being given the works of contemporary poets and essayists to read instead of the works of the acknowledged masters of the past. I am sure this is all wrong.

It is highly important that a child should be interested in contemporary life and contemporary things, but it is equally important that it should have a sense of the past. As it does not need to go to school in order to become interested in contemporary things, I should be inclined to leave that part of its education to itself. If it does not discover Shakespeare or Milton at school, however, it may never discover them.

Not that we of the older generations were taught very good poetry in our infancy. "The Village Blacksmith" is all very well, and I should be sorry to be ignorant of it, but Mr. de la Mare has written better poems than that. Then there was "The Arab's Farewell to His Steed," and Mr. W. B. Yeats rises to a higher level than that. "Hohenlinden" and "The Battle of the Baltic" were livelier, but no one to-day would dream of counting them among the glories of English literature. At the same time, they were all part of a tradition, and reminded us that we had ancestors.

A Pity

Apart from this, it would be a pity to see the higher slang fading entirely out of common speech. If the higher slang disappears the lower slang, which will probably be a bad imitation of the excellent slang of America, will take its place. And the higher slang can only be learned from the standard authors—Shakespeare, Milton, Pope, Goldsmith, Gray, Wordsworth, Dickens and Tennyson.

Imagine a world so ignorant that it could not understand an allusion to "what the soldier said," that knew nothing of the schooner "Hesperus," or that had never heard that an honest man's noblest work of God, and you will realise how impoverished it would be in imagination. If you met a man who did not know that full many a flower is born to blush unseen, and waste its sweetness on the desert air, would you not regard him as little better than an imbecile?

These cliches, odious as they are in their excessive use, are nevertheless evidence of a rich and varied imaginative background in which century is piled behind century. For this reason I am inclined to think that it is better that a child should be brought up as to be able to quote Dr. Johnson, wrong than so as to be able to quote even Mr. Bernard Shaw right.

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Vienna ..... 34.45  
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Rio ..... 5 29/32

Buenos Aires ..... 47 1/2  
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Shanghai ..... 2/7 1/4  
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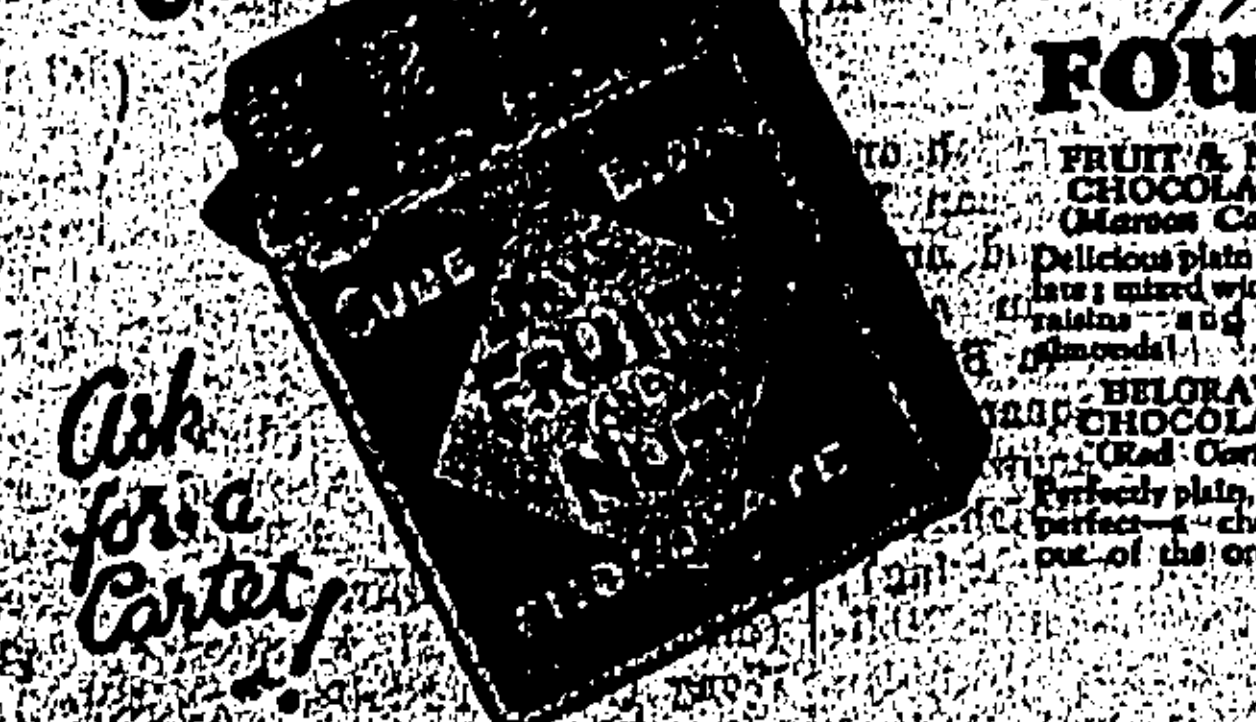
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# Sport Columns

## FANCY SOCCER

FINE FUN ON K.F.C. GROUND

TO-MORROW MORNING

On New Year's Day at the Kowloon Football Club ground a grand charity fancy dress football match—"Married" v. "Single"—should provide good holiday fare. The kick-off is timed for 11 a.m. but long before this hour Carnival proceedings will take place to attract the local crowd.

At 10.30 a parade of the officials and attendants will start "beating" the outworks of the football ground and a ready response is expected from the Scots: special arrangements have been made for the entry of Aberdonians who have come forward and offered to pay twice. It is hoped a Band of remarkable musical talent will also accompany the Parade.

### Mayor Kicks Off

The grand entry to the Football ground promises outstanding features. His Worship the Mayor of De Tong and Lady De Tong will be introduced to the players and their numerous followers, after which His Worship has promised to kick off.

The football match has been arranged to help the Hong Kong Football Association to improve certain of their rules. For instance, more than one referee, it is thought, is absolutely essential, while as regards linesmen, so great have been the number of Volunteers for this lucrative position that the touch line could almost be dispensed with. A lot of these are necessary, their duties being to assist the referees, this feature being expected to cause a slight difference of opinion at times.

### Collecting Convicts

By the kindness of the Police Authorities of "De Tong" Convicts from the local gaol will be provided with collecting boxes, and will assist generally with the cash.

The usual formation, XI, aside is being improved upon, as there are too many dull moments in an ordinary match. There will be at least 18 a side, and perhaps more, the formation of the team actually being kept a profound secret as ideas are so quickly stolen in Hong Kong.

The goalkeepers have been chosen with discretion. There will be more than one and when in action there will be not much spare space in the goal for the ball to get through. This idea was really the married men's, but the single men have also adopted it which is considered sharp practice.

All players will be vaccinated before the start. The Captain of the Married Men is R. Clarke. Friends know him under the pseudonym of "Nobby" while G. S. McBlakeney, D.F. & C.S. Coy. will lead the Singles in action.

### The Rules.

In addition to St. John's Ambulance, it is hoped to have the

## HOME SOCCER

RESULTS OF SATURDAY'S GAMES

CHELSEA ON TOP

### Division I.

Arsenal 2, Wednesday 2.  
Aston Villa 1, Leeds U. 0.  
Blackburn 3, Derby 1.  
Bury 2, Liverpool 2.  
Cardiff 2, Newcastle 0.  
Everton 3, Bolton 0.  
Huddersfield 3, Portsmouth 1.  
Leicester 2, Manchester U. 1.  
Manchester C. 2, Birmingham 3.  
Sheffield U. 3, West Ham 3.  
Sunderland 2, Burnley 1.

### Division II

Blackpool 3, Preston 2.  
Bradford 2, Barnsley 1.  
Clapton 0, West Brom. 2.  
Grimsby 3, Bristol C. 2.  
Middlesbrough 0, Reading 0.  
Notts C. 4, Millwall 5.  
Oldham 3, Tottenham 1.  
Southampton 3, Hull 2.  
Stoke 1, Notts For. 1.  
Swansea 0, Chelsea 1.  
Wolves 4, Port Vale 0.

### Division III

Brighton 1, Luton 0.  
Bristol R. 1, Swindon 4.  
Charlton 3, Northampton 1.  
Exeter 2, Brentford 3.  
Fulham 4, Gillingham 2.  
Merthyr 2, Plymouth 2.  
Norwich 3, Coventry 0.  
Queens P. R. 5, Torquay 1.  
Southend 4, Bournemouth 4.  
Walsall 3, Newport 1.  
Watford 3, Crystal Palace 3.

### Division III (N.)

Ashington 1, Southport 3.  
Barrow 0, New Brighton 0.  
Carlisle 4, Accrington 3.  
Chesterfield 3, Wrexham 1.  
Crewe 3, Halifax 0.  
Doncaster 4, Rochdale 0.  
Nelson 1, Hartlepool 0.  
Rotherham 2, Bradford C. 2.  
South Shields 1, Darlington 3.  
Tranmere 2, Stockport 1.  
Wigan 4, Lincoln 0.

## SCOTTISH LEAGUE

Celtic 2, Dundee 1.  
Cowdenbeath 1, Aberdeen 1.  
Falkirk 2, Clyde 1.  
Hearts 4, Queen's Park 1.  
Kilmarnock 1, Rangers 3.  
Motherwell 4, Airdrie 2.  
Partick 6, Raith 1.  
St. Johnstone 4, Hibernians 0.  
St. Mirren 2, Ayr 3.  
Third Lanark 3, Hamilton 2.

assistance of a few ambulances to remove the single men as they drop out. The match, it is understood, will be under Marquis of Queensbury Rules, and penalty goals will only be scored after great provocation.

The President of the Kowloon F.C. will introduce the Mayor and Mayoress of De Tong to the thousands assembled in the grand stand and suitable souvenirs of the occasion are being presented by the Mayor and Mayoress after the result of the match has been decided upon by the officials.

Raffles are a big feature, a whole carcass of a sheep, a football and a cheque are among the many and varied prizes, the winners have in each case to transport off the Club premises.

### Shield Presentations

The presentation of the Shield after the match will conclude the main events. This will take place in the grand stand in all probability following the usual photographing of teams, officials, beauty chorus, etc., etc.

Altogether this is to be a big Kowloon effort for Charity, which it is hoped will receive the support of the unique event deserves.

There is only one disappointment. The Committee have to announce that the Interport Association Football Selection have intimated they cannot attend officially, but will be present all the same.—Contributed.

## BIG SCORES

TWO JUNIOR CRICKET GAMES

H.K.C.C. DEFEAT RECREIO

The local cricket League experienced another quiet day on Saturday, when only two matches, both in the junior division, were decided in a programme of seven fixtures.

Hong Kong C.C. 2nd XI decisively defeated Club de Recreio and have jumped two places in the table. The Kowloon C.C. ground was the scene of another high scoring match, when the second string of the home team drew with Civil Service C.C. 2nd XI.

The only fixture in the senior division, that between Indian R.C. and Craigengower C.C., was unavoidably postponed at the last minute.

## League II

H.K.C.C. 2ND v. RECREIO

On their own ground, Hong Kong C.C. 2nd XI defeated Club de Recreio by eight wickets.

Consistent bowling on the part of the home team was largely responsible for the dismissal of the Recreio for the small total of 57, Noronha with 20 to his credit being the only batsman to make a stand. Reid captured four wickets for 14 runs, Tait and Summers accounted for two each for 20 and 14 respectively.

H.K.C.C. passed their opponents' score for the loss of two wickets and went on to make 148. Stanion (48) was the highest contributor. Lammer made 38 and two others got into double figures. Alves took six wickets for 41. Scores—

Club de Recreio			
H. M. Xavier, b Tait	2		
H. A. Alves, lb.w., b Tait	6		
L. J. Guterres, b Reid	1		
M. F. Pinna, b Reid	0		
D. P. Xavier, b Reid	8		
F. H. Carvalho, b Reid	8		
J. E. Noronha, c Stanion, b Summers	20		
H. A. Barros, run out	0		
F. J. Remedios, c Divett, b Summers	0		
D. F. Lopes, not out	3		
C. Sousa, b Vallack	3		
Extras	9		
Total	57		

## BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Tait	6	1	20	2
Reid	8	3	14	4
Summers	3	0	14	2
Vallack	0.3	0	0	1

Hong Kong C.C. 2nd XI.  
G. P. Lammer, c Alves, b Sousa 38.  
C. E. R. Divett, b Xavier 6.  
W. K. Tait, c Alves, b Xavier 0.  
V. W. L. Stanion, c and b Alves 17.  
R. H. D. Wade, c and b Alves 48.  
W. B. Cornaby, c Alves, b Carvalho 6.  
E. R. West, b Alves 1.  
G. R. Vallack, b Alves 6.  
J. A. Summers, st Guterres, b Alves 14.  
A. H. Gillingham, not out 6.  
A. Reid, c Remedios, b Alves 5.  
Extras 1.

## BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Xavier	5	0	35	2
Pinna	3	0	25	0
Alves	10.1	1	41	6
Sousa	2	0	23	1
Carvalho	7	0	23	1

K.C.C. 2ND v. C.S.C.C. 2ND

In a high scoring match on their own ground, Kowloon C.C. 2nd XI drew with Civil Service C.C. 2nd XI. Mackay gave the K.C.C. a good start with a fine innings for 69, A. R. F. Raven helped with 57 and G. Lee made 42 not out, the total reaching 180 for three wickets, declared.

The visitors replied with 105 for six wickets, Paterson being top scorer with 39. On a batsman's wicket, bowlers on both sides were rather expensive. Scores—

Kowloon C.C. 2nd XI.  
N. A. E. Mackay, c and b Eldridge 69.  
Capt. J. R. Vedder, c Whitcomb, b Edmonds 57.  
A. R. F. Raven, c Harper, b

## TEST CRICKET

DETAILS OF SATURDAY'S PLAY

AUSTRALIA'S STAND

Australia's luck changed with a vengeance when the Third Test Match was opened at Melbourne on Saturday, England having won the first two comfortably.

The weather was brilliant when Ryder won the toss, states Reuter. As the wicket was in perfect condition he, of course, elected to bat and sent in Woodfull of Victoria and Victor Richardson (the South Australian skipper) to open the innings.

England drew blood early. When the total was only 5, Richardson was sent back. He made 3. He was caught by Duckworth, the wicket-keeper, off Larwood, the Notts express bowler.

### Third Wicket Down

Worse was to come for the disappointed Australian crowd. Woodfull, the hardest man to get out in the side, poked out with his bat at a ball from Tate (of Sussex), the best bowler of 1924-5) which rose up, thereby giving a catch to Jardine (the Surrey amateur) in the gully. Two wickets were down for 15 runs and Woodfull had only made 7.

Hendry (of Victoria) who had gone in first wicket down was now partnered by Kippax (of New South Wales).

With an on drive for 4, Kippax sent up 50 on the board, the innings having lasted an hour and 10 minutes.

Then Hendry was out. He was caught by Jardine, fielding in the gully to Larwood's bowling. Three wickets for 57 runs. Hendry made 23 out of 42 added for the partnership.

### Ryder Nearly Out

Ryder then went in to partner Kippax and, incidentally, participate in a very profitable partnership which turned the tide of the day. The first ball he received, Ryder played in the way which proved Hendry's undoing. He touched it towards the gully where Jardine was fielding—and was almost out!

Six more runs were registered before the lunch interval, Ryder claiming 2. Kippax had brought his score to 27. And the total was 63 runs for 3 wickets—by no means a good morning's work for Australia.

### No Sting

The interval was bad for England. There was no sting in the attack as compared with the morning.

When the partnership had lasted 1½ hours, Kippax had made 60 and Ryder 50. Between lunch and tea, the Australian captain collected 48 and Kippax 42.

The score had been taken along to 168 runs for 3 wickets. Kippax and Ryder had put on 101 between them, of which 95 were made after lunch when the English bowling was ineffective. In spite of the changes rung by Chapman.

Worse for England was yet to come. After tea Kippax and Ryder got 60 runs more before Kippax was dismissed, to the relief of the English side.

### First Century

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wood to Jardine, who was fielding at long leg. Jardine judged the catch well and held it. This was his third catch of the day and Larwood's third wicket.

The total was then 218 runs for 4 wickets. Kippax's fourth wicket partnership with Ryder produced 161 runs (of which 6 were made before lunch, 95 before tea, and 60 after tea). In the respective periods Kippax gathered 27, 42 and 31, respectively.

Bowling Flogged. Partnered by Don Bradman (of New South Wales, playing in the second Test Match of his career), Ryder—and Bradman—flogged the bowling and added another 58 runs without being separated, the new-comer being responsible for 26.

Showing excellent footwork and mainly by excellent driving, Ryder reached his 100 in three hours and 22 minutes—having scored just a shade faster than Kippax.

At the close he was 111 not out, having helped to add 219 runs and having batted before lunch until the drawing of stumps. He made 2 out of 6 before lunch, 48 out of 95 between lunch and tea, and 61 out of 118 after tea.

The closing score was 276 runs for 4 wickets.

Record Attendance. There were only 3,000 people present when the first ball was bowled. After lunch the attendance had increased to 68,000. The ground made a wonderful sight. It was packed to capacity. Hundreds encroached on the grass, causing an interruption because the umpires had to request them to get back.

At tea-time, the attendance reached 60,000, when the weather remained brilliant and the wicket was still perfect.

Then it increased to 68,000—a world's record!

Australia—1st Innings. W. M. Woodfull, c Jardine, b Tate 7.  
Tate 7.  
V. Y. Richardson, c Duckworth, b Larwood 3.  
H. L. Hendry, c Jardine, b Larwood 23.  
A. F. Kippax, c Jardine, b Larwood 100.  
J. S. Ryder, not out 111.  
D. Bradman, not out 26.

Extras 6. Total for 4 wickets 276.  
C. V. Grimmett, D. D. J. Blackie, R. M. Oxenham, E. L. A. Beckett, W. A. Oldfield to bat.

Fall of wickets: 1 for 5 runs (Richardson), 2 for 15 (Woodfull), 3 for 57 (Hendry), 4 for 218 (Kippax).

The England XI:—A. P. F. Chapman, J. C. White, D. R. Jardine, J. B. Hobbs, H. Sutcliffe, W. R. Hammond, E. Hendren, G. Geary, M. W. Tate, H. Larwood, G. Duckworth.

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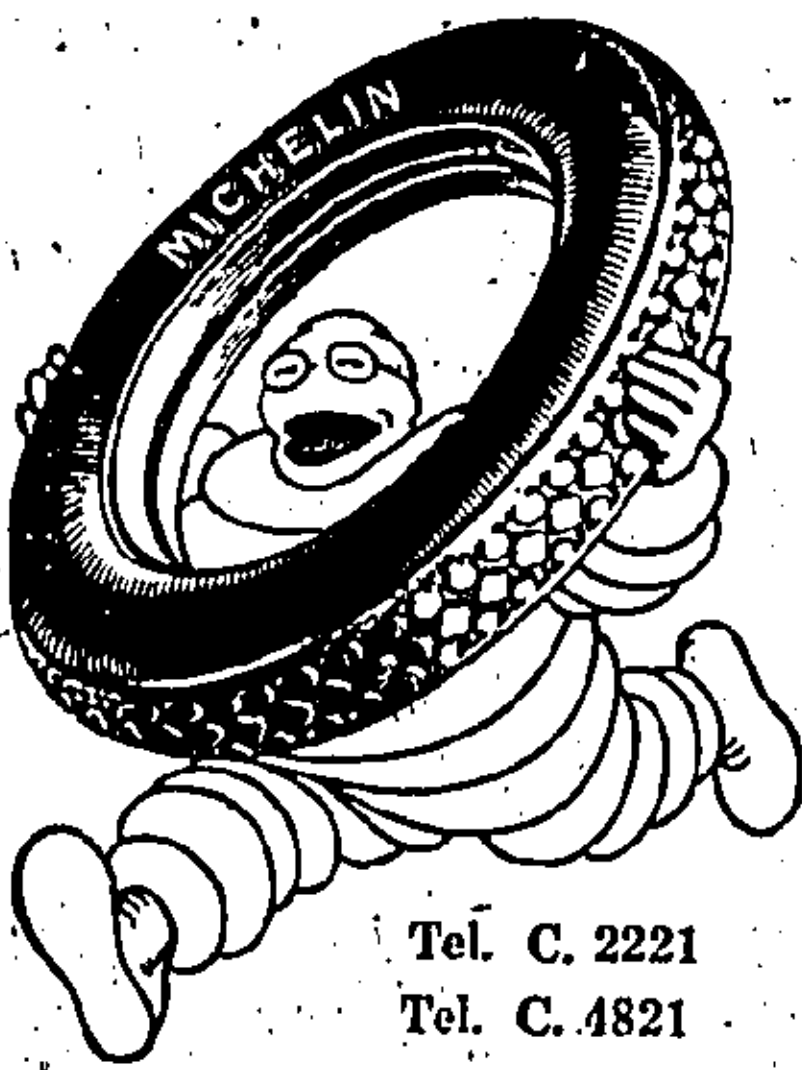
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BRINGING UP FATHER.



## CHINESE DAY SUCCESS IN THE FOOT- BALL LEAGUE CAROLINE HILL VICTORY

China's football "joss" worked overtime in the Hong Kong Amateur Football League on Saturday. Of the five purely Chinese teams engaged, three won and two shared the points. In no case was there more than a one goal advantage, but it counted nevertheless.

At Caroline Hill, South China A.A.'s 1st XI were value for their defeat—by the only goal of the match—of the 1st Batt. The Queen's Royal Regt. Chinese Athletic profited by a mistake in the tactics of the 2nd Batt. King's Own Scottish Borderers and thereby annexed both points. Athletic won in division II and both South China's junior teams drew.

### RESULTS AT A GLANCE

Division I	
1st Queen's Regt. 0	China A.A. 1
Chinese Athletic 2	2nd K.O.S.B.'s 1
Club de Recreo 2	Hong Kong F.C. 2
Division II	
1st Queen's Regt. 8	Kowloon F.C. 2
South China "A" 1	2nd K.O.S.B.'s 1
Chinese Athletic 2	Small Units 1
Royal Artillery 3	St. Joseph's 1
Eastern F.C. 0	Royal Navy Res. 4
Club de Recreo 2	S. China "B" 2

### QUEEN'S REGT. v. S. CHINA

The match between the 1st Batt. Queen's Royal Regt. and South China A.A. was played at Sookumpoo. It was productive of brilliant football, both teams going all out, but South China were undoubtedly just better and their one goal victory did not flatter them. Teams:—

1st Queen's Regt.:—Dodds; Hooper, Sharp; Byrne, Hill, Morris; Larkin, Richardson, Canton, Barclay, Caldwell.

South China:—Pau Ka-ping; Li Tin-sang, Yu Cheuk-wa; Leung Wing-tak, Pang Wa-hing, Leung Wing-chiu; Lai Tin-choy, Pau Ka-chuen, Fung King-cheung, Lau Mau, Ip Pak-wa.

Referee:—Capt. A. W. Austin, M.C., M.M., R.A.

Fung King-cheung put his forwards going and South China were hot on the attack from the start, but Dodds saved well and Hooper punted away for Richardson to test Pau Ka-ping with a great drive, but the goalie saved a beauty.

#### Forwards' Day Out

Both teams were playing good football but South China's forward work, from an early stage, was brilliant.

Pau Ka-chuen missed after splendid passing by the front rank.

Martin and Sharp covered well but Ip Pak-wa, with a great centre, crossed and Dodds punched out well.

Queen's tried to break away, Larkin doing well on the right, but Leung Wing-tak put South China on the attack and Lau Mau beat Dodds with a lively cross shot which was disallowed owing to a South China player being under the cross-bar.

The match was intensely exciting, Larkin and Barclay shining for Queen's while South China's forwards were having a day out, the long passing game from wing to wing being very pretty to watch.

Fung King-cheung gave Dodds a serious handful and the Queen's goalie was doing well.

The interval arrived with no score but this half was South China's and Queen's were lucky to have a clean score sheet.

#### The Winning Goal

From the re-start Queen's came strongly, but Li Tin-sang relieved well.

After short work, Fung King-cheung placed Lau Mau in possession and the inside right scored with a great shot three minutes from the resumption.

Queen's, urged on, made a big attempt and Pau Ka-ping saved a fesser from Caldwell.

South China, however, were upsetting the Queen's forwards and Barclay and Larkin were both robbed close in.

Following a very exciting raid on the Queen's goal, South China were awarded a penalty, but Fung King-cheung shot high over the bar.

From the kick out, Queen's went right through, Barclay's shot going just outside.

The teams were all out the excitement was intense, and the football of a high order.

Queen's put on all pressure and looked like equalising. Li Tin-sang and Yu Cheuk-wa were in the way and there was always a South China defender.

Larkin, with a lovely cross, found Pau Ka-ping at his best.

South China attacked to the end and were deserving winners.

Teams Contained:—

Queen's fielded their strongest XI, Larkin making a welcome re-appearance at outside right, but South China gave their best exhibition of the season, the play of the forwards being of a high order.

Dodds kept a good goal. Hooper and Sharp played well. Morris was the pick of the halves. Barclay and Larkin were in their best form in a bright forward line—but the Queen's were never allowed to get their last movement in.

Pau Ka-ping was in fine form in South China's goal; his clearances at critical moments being first-class. Yu Cheuk-wa partnered Li Tin-sang splendidly, the newcomer playing a cool and brainy game. Leung Wing-tak was the best of a good half-back line. South China won on their forward display. The vanguard served up dazzling football at times. Fung King-cheung was all a centre-forward needed to be and Lau Mau a fine inside. Ip Pak-wa was brilliant at outside-left, the left wing being China's great attacking force throughout.

#### Sporting Game

The game was splendidly contested, free from fouls of any serious description, and Queen's played a sporting game throughout; so that the match was one of the best seen this season. There was not a dull moment. The control of the game also was most satisfactory and the large crowd cheered from start to finish. A fine sporting struggle with honours going the right way on the day's play.

#### ATHLETIC v. K.O.S.B.

The 2nd Batt. King's Own Scottish Borderers again made the fatal mistake of easing up in the last 15 minutes of their game on the H.K.F.C. ground at Happy Valley, with the result that Chinese Athletic turned defeat into victory.

The Borderers took Reeves from centre-forward and played him at right back; and the move was a complete success. Everest played as leader of the attack and did well, but was unfortunate in getting but little support from his left wing, both Alexander and McGlinchy having an off day.

Athletic had four 2nd XI players out. Teams:—

2nd Batt. K.O.S.B.:—McDougall; Reeves, Martin Skiggs, Davey, Gear; Torrie, Stock, Everest, McGlinchy, Alexander.

Chinese Athletic:—Chan Shak-pu; Wong Shui-wo, Lai Yuk-tat; Ho Cho-yin, Wong Shui-wo, Leung Yuk-long; Ng Kam-chuen, Shek Pui-tim, Wong Pak-chung, Suen Kam-shun, Chan Kwong-lu.

Referee:—Warrant Engineer J. W. Barber, R.N.

#### Fast Pace

The game commenced at a fast pace, both teams attacking in turn.

Chan Kwong-lu neatly beat Reeves and centred, but Gear made a clever and timely clearance.

The Athletic left wing were an extremely nippy pair and gave Reeves and Gear many an anxious moment.

At the other end, Skiggs sent Stock away and the inside-right put in a fine drive from long range, which the Athletic goalie cleared in capable style. A header from Everest was similarly disposed of.

Lai Yuk-tat conceded a corner which was got away, and Athletic again attacked on the left, where Chan Kwong-lu gave McDougall a nasty one to deal with.

Stock was the most prominent of the K.O.S.B. forwards and twice in quick succession he had the Athletic goal-keeper in difficulties. A moment later, Everest was just a second too late to rush a perfect centre from Torrie into the net.

#### Borderers Better

A rasping long shot by Gear, which just scraped the cross-bar, was the next item of note; and the Athletic defence was not relieved until Everest went just wide with a header.

McDougall did well to clear a fast, low drive from Wong Pak-chung, the veteran centre-forward playing with all his usual

cunning. Reeves was warmly applauded for two fine clearances from free kicks. A misunderstanding between McGlinchy and Skiggs nearly let the Athletic in, but McDougall came out to make a well judged clearance.

Everest missed a good chance hereabouts by failing to trap the ball in front of goal, and a fast and interesting but blank first half terminated with the Borderers slightly the better team.

#### Soldiers Lead

Athletic were first away on re-suming. Ng Kam-chuen ran through, but was closely attended by Martin, the ball going behind.

Everest sent Stock through with a perfect header, but the inside-right was just too late for the ball in a race with Chan Shak-pu.

The Borderers experienced a shock when McDougall fumbled a centre and lost the ball, but Martin smothered a shot which would have undoubtedly found the net.

After 10 minutes, Stock sent Torrie away and the ensuing centre was taken on the run by Everest, who scored with a nice drive.

The Borderers continued to have the better of matters and Stock was a constant thorn in the side of the Athletic defence.

#### Two for Athletic

An attack by the Athletic left wing looked unhealthy for the Borderers, but Suen Kam-shun drove a first-timer just over the cross-bar.

At this stage the K.O.S.B.'s seemed to lose a lot of their vitality and the Athletic proceeded to raid their goal in determined style.

The equalising goal was the result of clever work by the right wing, which drew Reeves out of position. The ball was then smartly centred, and Suen Kam-shun had no difficulty in scoring from close in.

The same player was nearly through again, but Davey tackled in the nick of time and cleared in fine style.

The Athletic were now having by far the better of matters and, as the result of a beautifully combined movement, Shek Pui-tim lobbed a first-timer neatly past McDougall.

#### Desperate Rally

The closing stages saw the Borderers making desperate but spasmodic attempts to regain the ground lost, but the Athletic proved capable of hanging on to their lead and can be considered fortunate in retiring with both points.

A very large crowd watched the struggle.

#### RECREIO v. H.K.F.C.

At King's Park, the match between Club de Recreo and Hong Kong F.C. attracted many spectators from both sides of the harbour. The game was keen and very fast from the beginning to end and provided many thrills. The Club were rather weak in shooting at times whilst the Recreio were dangerous in front of goal every time. Four goals were divided. Teams:—

Recreio:—Beltrao; Gosano, Silva-Netto; Marques, Remedios, Silva; Victor, Ward, Roza Pereira, Rocha, Brown.

H.K.F.C.:—Edwards; Holt, Bishop; McBride, Wallington, Watson; Reid, Alexander, Goldman, Scott, Trambitzky.

#### Referee:—C.F.O. Willis, R.N.

#### One Each

There was some keen mid-field play, each side striving to get away. The Club succeeded and Goldman passed to Trambitzky who shot wide. A determined attack by the Club produced a scuffle over the Recreio goal and the referee blew for a corner but, on an appeal by the Club forwards, he consulted the linesman and awarded a goal for the Club, Trambitzky being responsible for the shot.

Recreio then worked hard to equalise and their forwards equalised a beautiful goal with a stinging shot in the corner, Edwards being unable to get to it.

Club Lead Again

The Club pressed hard but Silva-Netto was in tip-top form and continually robbed Goldman of the ball.

However, the Club made a determined forward rush. Scott took possession of the ball and made no mistake about putting it right past Beltrao, thus giving the Club the lead again.

For a time the Club were pressing hard, but through beautiful defensive work by Silva-Netto—and weak shooting on the part of Trambitzky—they were unable to score. Silva-Netto was continually applauded.

Recreio found it hard to get past Bishop.

The second half opened with Recreio having the wind at their back. The Club took the ball forward and attacked, but faulty shooting by Trambitzky resulted in several good chances being wasted.

#### Goldman Held

The Recreio forwards then took possession and Victor, seeing Brown left open on the wing, passed to him. Away went the diminutive Brown, with Bishop and McBride after him. He beat them for speed and made sure of his shot—beating Edwards with a real hot one and thus bringing the score to 2-1.

Recreio then put on extra pressure and tried hard to score, both Brown and Pereira playing a beautiful, fast game, but Bishop was a tower of strength in the defence and continually robbed them.

The Club made a determined attack. For a time, matters looked very black for the Recreio, but Silva-Netto had Goldman well in hand and never gave him a chance to get through.

Recreio Star

For the Club, Scott and Alexander (in the forward line) played well but Trambitzky missed many open goals by shooting wide. Bishop shone in the defence and Edwards, in goal, played a good game. He should make a first-class goal-keeper in time, being quite young yet.

For Recreio, Rocha, Pereira and Brown were the pick of the forward line, Brown being a constant danger because of his speed. The best man, however, was Silva-Netto, who played a beautiful game in the defence, being continually applauded for his determined efforts to stop Goldman and Scott.

The game was exciting from start to finish. The teams were about equal on the run of the play.

#### AMONG THE JUNIORS

The Reserves of the 1st Batt. the Queen's Royal Regt. secured the biggest victory of the day in division II, trouncing Kowloon F.C. Reserves by 8-2. The curious feature was that the losers scored both their goals in the first ten minutes! Then the infantrymen replied with eight (Beatty 8, Harrison 2, Mortimer 2, Evans 1). Kowloon's scorers were King and Moss.

At Caroline Hill

Tin Yuk-on scored for South China A.A.'s "A" XI at Caroline Hill against the Reserves of the 2nd Batt. the King's Own Scottish Borderers. This was in the second half. Hume equalised and the score ended at 1-1. Hume, Bird, McKnight, Hart and Craig were the pick of their side.

Athletic v. Small Units

Chinese Athletic Reserves defeated Small Units (of the South China Command) by the odd goal in three at Happy Valley. Choy Ping-fan and Li Hing-ching opened the scoring for the winners and then Sabon reduced the deficit. The soldiers had only ten men in the first half and, after the change of ends, there was no further scoring. Small Units deserve sympathy for a plucky display

against odds in one of the best junior games of the season.

R.A. v. St. Joseph's

By the odd goal in five, Royal Artillery Reserves defeated St. Joseph's College at Sookumpoo. Costello gave St. Joseph's the lead until the interval. Leonard increased the advantage. Then Reed and Taylor equalised for the Gunners and Taylor put in the winning goal.

Eastern v. R.N.

On St. Joseph's College ground, Eastern F.C. lost to Royal Navy Reserves by four goals to nil, the sailors being superior both in attack and defence. Goodridge and Sorbie pierced the losers' cdefence in the first half. By adopting bustling tactics, the R.N. added two more, both through Goodridge, who made his bag three. Haroon played a brainy game at inside left for Eastern and showed excellent promise.

King's Park Draw

Each side scored once in each half at King's Park where Club de Recreo Reserves met South China A.A.'s "B" XI. In both halves of the game, the Chinese led and the home team equalised. The scorers were Ip Koon-ming, Santos, Cheung Chang-tak, Santos.

The Chinese papers say that reports have been received by the authorities that a gang of Bias Bay pirates have come to Shanghai with the intention of committing another outrage. The shipping companies have taken all precautions and the authorities are on the look-out for the gang.—N. C. Daily News.

#### WATER SUPPLY

Level and Storage of water in Reservoirs on December 1, 1928:—

#### CITY AND HILL DISTRICT WATER WORKS.

	1927	1928
Tytam .....	9' 4" B	15' 2" B
Tytam Byewash .....	19' 10" B	25' 6" B
Tytam Intermediate .....	L	0' 2" B
Tytam Tuk .....	11' 9" B	34' 11" B
Wong Nei Chung .....	12' 1" B	20' 7" B
Pokfulum .....	17' 1" B	21' 9" B

(Note: B. denotes "Below Overflow." L. denotes "Level with Overflow.")

	1927	1928
Tytam .....	809.88	268.38
Tytam Byewash .....	2.78	.58
Tytam Intermediate .....	195.90	194.90
Tytam Tuk .....	1,146.25	707.38
Wong Nei Chung .....	16.82	9.45
Pokfulum .....	29.94	21.16

Total ..... 1,701.25 1,201.83

Consumption of water in the City and Hill District in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of November.

	1927	1928
Consumption .....	288.88	196.17
Estimated population 417,080		427,400

Consumption per head ..... 22.7 15.3 per day

Full Supply in all Rider Main Districts during November 1927 with the exception of the districts West of Eastern Street where an intermittent supply was given from November 18 to 30, 1927. Services to houses in the Rider Main Districts were disconnected and a supply was given by public street fountains daily during November 1928.

#### KOWLOON WATER WORKS LEVEL.

	1927	1928
Kowloon Reservoir .....	8' 7" B	0' 10" B
Shek Lai Pui Reservoir .....	0' 5" B	1' 10" B
Reception Reservoir .....	0' 7" B	

Storage of millions and decimals of gallons.

	1927	1928
Kowloon Reservoir .....	269.00	848.34
Shek Lai Pui Reservoir .....	99.10	108.66
Reception Reservoir .....	31.61	—

Total ..... 399.71 452.50

Consumption of water in Kowloon in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of November.

	1927	1928
Consumption .....	98.44	105.21
Estimated population 162,760		167,890

Consumption per head ..... 18.1 20.9 per day

Full Supply in all districts during November 1927 and 1928.

The Government Analyst's reports show that the quality of the water is satisfactory.

Total rainfall to November 30, 1927, 108.50, November 30, 1928, 71.14.

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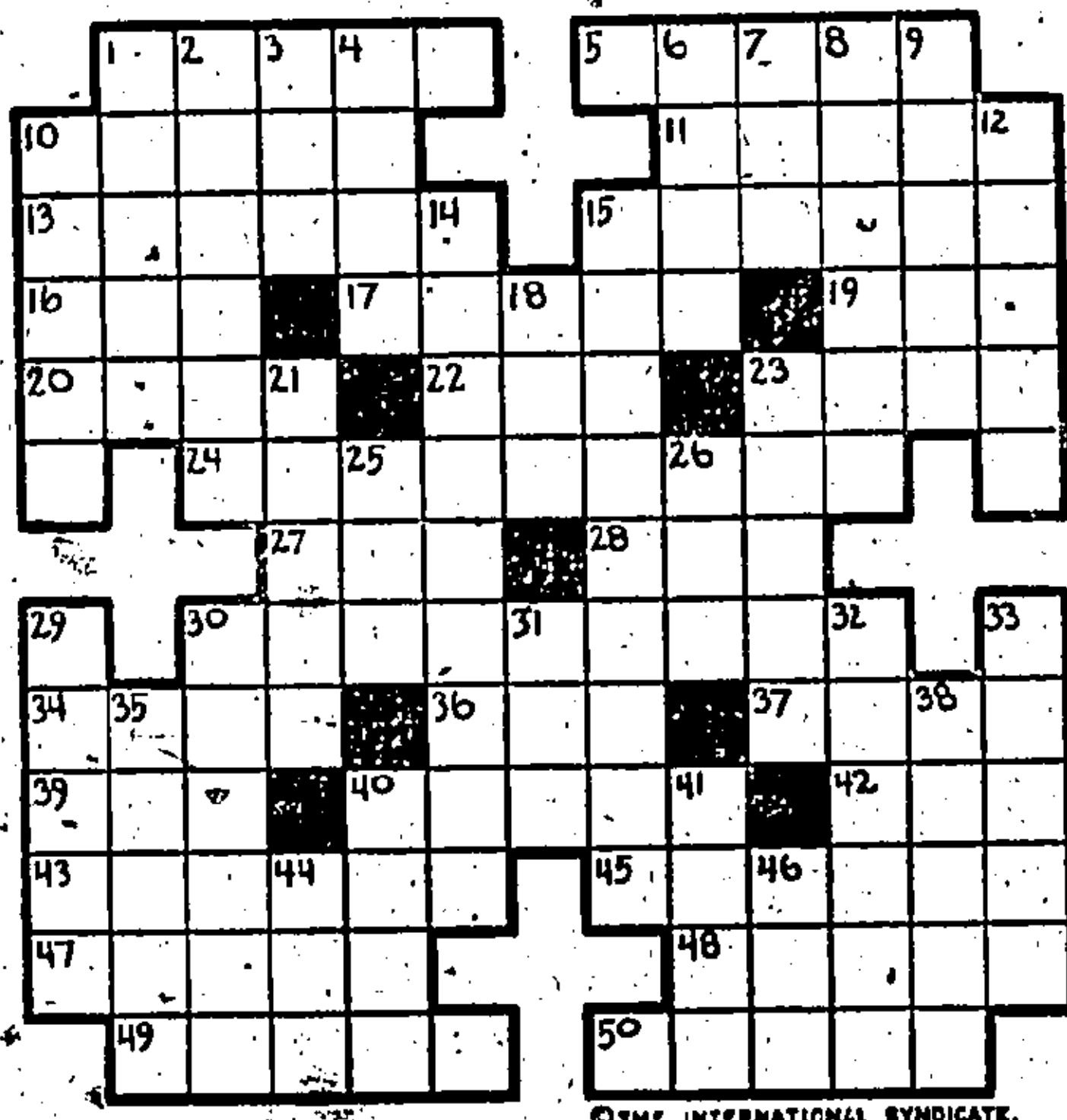
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### DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

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#### HORIZONTAL

- 1—Overlays with gold
- 5—Piazza
- 10—Transparent fluid
- 11—Part of the United Kingdom
- 13—Puffed up
- 15—Bake
- 16—A fish
- 17—Small bunches of straw
- 19—Distorted
- 20—Railed platform
- 22—Something given to pacify
- 23—Limit
- 24—Finished
- 27—Faint sign of zodiac
- 28—Painted instrument
- 30—Huge
- 34—Ejaculation of diuretic
- 36—Rage
- 37—No one

#### HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 38—Put on
- 40—Tangle
- 42—Speech
- 43—Playing a part
- 46—Musical composition
- 47—English island in Mediterranean
- 48—Rune swiftly
- 49—Jumps
- 50—One afflicted with a chronic disease

#### VERTICAL

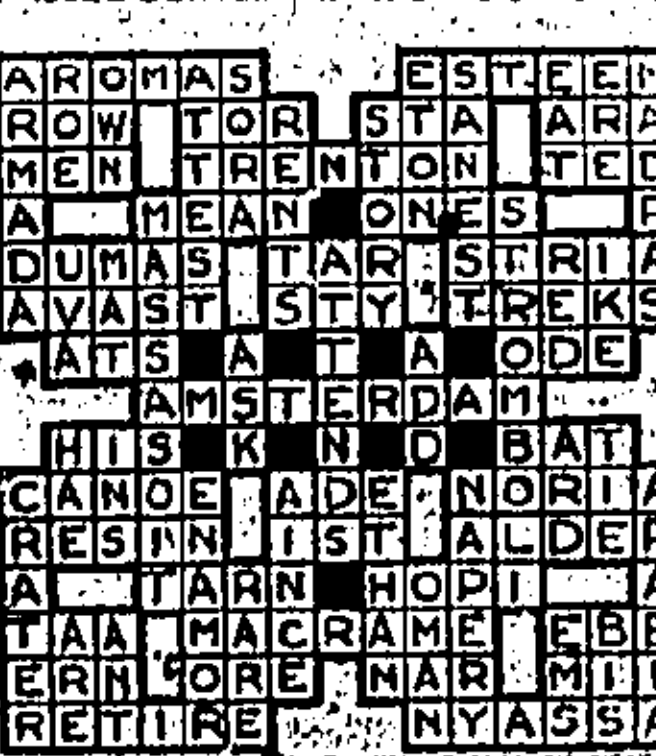
- 1—Holmes
- 2—Pertaining to Italy
- 3—Lashed
- 4—Hauled
- 6—Possesses
- 7—Hurried
- 8—Coiled into a ball
- 9—Courage
- 10—Mourning garments

#### VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 12—More artfully cunning
- 14—Arranging
- 15—Those who present themselves in court
- 18—Sun
- 21—Musical pieces for one person
- 22—City in France
- 23—Male servants
- 25—Pair
- 26—Feminine title
- 30—Clock
- 32—Consolation
- 33—Meal (French)
- 35—Suburban train
- 38—Salt-peter
- 40—Break suddenly
- 41—Learning
- 44—Black aborigine of the Philippines
- 46—Short sleep

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in Wednesday's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

#### SATURDAY'S SOLUTION.



For the information of visitors the following list of some of the highest points on the Island and Mainland is published:—

Island.	Feet.
Victoria Peak	1828
Signal Station	1774
Mt. Parker	1784
Mountain Lodge	1728
The Yerrle	1728
Talking Sanatorium	1600
Mt. Davis	877
Bowen Road (Alterbeds)	297
Taimoshan	3124
Mainland.	Feet.
Taimoshan	3124
Kowloon Peak	1971

### BIG SCORES

(Continued from Page 9.)

#### C.S.C.C. 2nd XI.

H. Harper, c Lee, b Smith	21
W. Eldridge, b Petheram	3
R. S. W. Paterson, not out	39
J. F. Willmott, c Raven, b Overy	20
W. H. Edmonds, st Mackay, b Overy	20
R. G. Robertson, st Mackay, b Raven	11
H. Westlake, b Vedder	0
R. R. Davies, not out	0
Extras	10

Total (for 6 wks.) 105  
F. E. Booker, J. C. Moraton, C. Sara did not bat.

#### BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Lee	10	2	24	0
Overy	8	2	22	2
Petheram	4	1	10	1
Hargreaves-Brown	4	1	7	0
Smith	2	0	19	1
Vedder	2	0	8	1
Raven	1	0	6	1

### Friendly Matches

#### NAVY v. KOWLOON C.C.

At King's Park, Royal Navy lost to Kowloon C.C. by eight wickets. Set with 68 runs, the visitors replied with 116 for eight wickets when the closure was applied.

For the Senior Service, Pay Comdr. Annaheim was the only batsman to make a stand against the bowling of Goodwin (5 for 26) and Ross (5 for 34).

E. F. Fincher who made 67, played a big part in the victory of his side. Scores:—

Royal Navy.	
Pay-Comdr. E. C. Annaheim, c Silkstone, b Ross	14
Mne. Trusler, c Raven, b Ross	4
Lt. C. F. W. Norris, b Ross	9
Comdr. F. C. Baker, c Goodwin, b Ross	2
Sub-Lt. H. C. Simms, b Goodwin	4
Lt. C. Phillips, lb.w., b Goodwin	9
Capt. G. E. Cornish, c and b Goodwin	8
Pay-Lt. H. S. Watch, b Goodwin	4
Mne. Giles, not out	2
Lt. G. S. Dalison, c Silkstone, b Ross	0
E. R. A. Hill, c Ramsay, b Goodwin	4
Extras	8

Total (for 8 wks., dec.) 133  
W. C. Hung, D. Hung did not bat.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Goodwin	11	2	26	5
Ross	10	2	34	5

	O.	M.	R.	W.
A. W. Ramsay, b Watch	4	1	18	2
E. F. Fincher, c Dalison, b Cornish	67			
E. C. Fincher, lb.w., b Annaheim	9			
G. A. V. Hall, c and b Annaheim	2			
H. A. R. Puttee, c Baker, b Annaheim	2			
J. J. Hirst, not out	0			
A. E. Silkstone, b Cornish	8			
O. B. Raven, b Cornish	2			
F. Cavenay, c Simms, b Baker	8			
Extras	14			

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Dalison	4	0	13	0
Watch	4	2	12	1
Trusler	5	0	25	0
Annaheim	7	2	18	3
Hill	1	0	6	0
Phillips	4	1	8	0
Cornish	4	0	10	3
Baker	4.1	1	11	1

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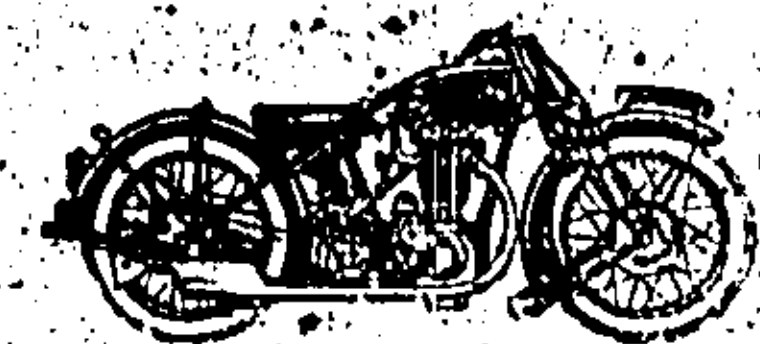


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### NEW YEAR HOLIDAY.

On Tuesday, 1st January, 1929 the G.P.O. will be open from 8 a.m. to noon, Kowloon Branch Post Office from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m., and the other Branch Post Offices from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m.

There will be one collection from the pillar-boxes and one delivery of ordinary correspondence on Sundays, and one delivery of registered correspondence at 9 a.m.

The Money Order Office will be entirely closed.

It is hereby notified that telegrams conveying New Year Greetings to the United States & Canada will be accepted until 2nd January, 1929, at special reduced rates; for particulars apply to the Radio Office, P. & O. Buildings.

A Branch Post Office, situated at No. 16, Nga Chin Wai Road, Kowloon City, will be opened for transaction of postal business on the 2nd January, 1929.

### INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Monday, December 31.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	President Taft	
Manila	President Jackson	
TUESDAY, JANUARY 1, 1929.		
Japan, Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	Chenonceaux	
(London, 10th-12th Dec., 1928)		
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2.		
Straits	Santhia	
FRIDAY, JANUARY 4.		
Shanghai	Mantua	
Straits	Allpore	
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai	President McKinley	
Europe via Suez (Letters and papers, London, 6th Dec. and parcels 29th Nov.)	Morea	
MONDAY, JANUARY 7.		
Manila	President Taft	

### OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Monday, December 31.
Swatow and Bangkok	Michael Jensen	2.30 p.m.
Sam Shui and Wuchow	Tai Hing	4.30 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Canada, C. & S. America and Europe via San Francisco—due San Francisco, 23rd Jan., 1929 and Europe via Siberia, (Parcels Dec. 31.) 5 p.m. Registration (Jan. 1, 1929) 9.45 a.m. Letters (Jan. 1, 1929) 10.30 a.m.	President Jackson	
TUESDAY, JANUARY 1, 1929.		
Holhow, Pakhol, and Hainan	Limchow	9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Rocoow	Haiyang	Noon
Amoy	Sunning	Noon
Wei Hai Wei	Kueichow	Noon
Salon, Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 1st Feb., 1929. K.P.O. Registration 10 a.m. Letters 11.15 a.m. G.P.O. Registration 11.15 a.m. Letters Noon	Chenonceaux	
Manila	President Taft	Noon
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2.		
Holhow	Kueichow	10.30 a.m.
FRIDAY, JANUARY 4.		
Straits and Calcutta. Parcels Noon		
Letters 1 p.m.	Namsang	
Swatow, Amoy and Rocoow	Haiyang	1 p.m.

\*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

## CURIOUS CARAVAN TOUR

### LONELY WOMEN

TREKKING IN SEARCH OF HUSBANDS

£2,000 A YEAR

New York.—A new way of acquiring husbands has been found by Miss Helen Davis, of Washington, who has organised a "matrimonial caravan" to tour the United States. Any lonely woman who is unattached can join the caravan on giving proofs of her honesty of purpose and good intentions.

A sedan motor-car is the nucleus of the caravan. It belongs to Miss Davis, who is 32, was formerly a travelling saleswoman, and is described as a rapid and convincing talker.

Her initial companions are two lonely widows—one a Virginian, aged 38, with a family tree, and the other a University graduate, aged 50, who has a grown-up daughter.

The names of the subordinate members of the caravan will not be disclosed unless they desire it.

May Smoke and Drink

Six hundred possible husbands in various parts of the country have written to Miss Davis.

When interviewed, Miss Davis said: "We are not starting on a frivolous expedition. We are idealists and want to become home-makers."

Miss Davis's ideal husband is one who has an annual income of £2,000, and who would advance £1,000 to educate her brother. Furthermore, he must be honourable, truthful and good-natured. She does not mind if he drinks and smokes in moderation. He may even smoke a pipe. He must enjoy music and outdoor sports, because she does, and must be fond of travelling. He must be over forty and under 55, but it does not matter whether he is bald-headed, or fat, or thin.

Love at First Sight Improbable

Love at first sight is not reckoned as a probability.

During the caravan tour all men offering themselves as candidates for matrimony will be catalogued, with proof of their financial and other declarations. Then the pairing off with the caravan maids will be done in a businesslike manner.

The caravan will halt near cities while crossing the Continent from Washington to Los Angeles. The husband-hunters will give receptions at each stopping-place, to which all lonely single or widowed women will be invited and asked to accompany the caravan westward.

A return trip eastward may be made in the spring, but Miss Davis is confident that there will not be any caravan maids left to marry by then.

One possible husband has written to say that his income exceeds £2,000, and that although he weighs 14 he isn't really fat.

## CUSTOMS SURPRISE

(Continued from Page 1.)

### Steps Not Taken

"No Government service can be efficiently run where a form of dual control is not only allowed but encouraged, and as promised steps have not been taken to eradicate the dual control which exists, I have now to tender my resignation of the appointment as officiating Inspector-General and I would request the Government to appoint another Inspector-General to take charge of the Customs service without delay."

What Has Gone Before

Mr. Edwards was Commissioner in Canton when the Shakes Incident occurred in June, 1925. He was wounded. Subsequently he became Chief Secretary. In the Inspectorate-General at Peking, as "No. 2" to Sir Francis Aglen, who was "dismissed" by the Northern Government of which the late Marshal Chang Tso-lin was head.

Mr. Edwards then became acting Inspector-General. It was known that the National Government preferred Mr. F. W. Mase, who has longer service in the Customs than Mr. Edwards, to be I.G. Surprise was therefore caused recently when the National Government appointed Mr. Edwards "officiating I.G." and promoted Mr. Mase from Commissioner at Shanghai to a new post of Deputy Inspector-General. Presumably, Mr. Mase, as "No. 2" and senior man, is to succeed Mr. Edwards, if the latter's resignation is accepted.

## HE MADE HER EAT CIGARETTES!

### THE SEQUEL

STORY OF ATTACK BY AN ENRAGED HUSBAND

DIVORCE PROCEEDINGS

San Francisco, Dec. 16. Some smokers can't get a cough out of a carload of cigarettes, but Mrs. Clare S. Edwards is trying to get a divorce out of a package.

According to her complaint on file here against David C. Edwards, her husband became so enraged when he saw her smoking a cigarette that he threw her to the floor, sat on her chest and forced her to eat a package of cigarettes one by one.—United Press.

## BRITISH CINEMA

THE HOME SECRETARY'S CONFIDENCE

GROWING OUTPUT

Sir William Joynson-Hicks, the Home Secretary, indulged a fancy of himself as a daring film hero in a speech he made at a dinner of film producers at the Savoy Hotel recently. The dinner was organised by the film group of the Federation of British Industries, to mark remembrance.

## FRESH MONSOON

N.E. winds, fresh, fine, is the N.E. winds, fresh, fine, is the Hong Kong, the adjacent coast and Formosa Channel.

At 10.30 a.m. to-day the Observatory reported:—There appears to be a depression to the east of Shanghai and a new anti-cyclone over China. Fresh monsoon may be expected over the China Sea.

cent progress in British film production.

Proposing a toast to British film production, Sir William said: "When I pay my occasional visits to the cinema I confess to a desire not to be a lady star, but a masculine star—(laughter)—and be able to climb a church steeple in the twinkling of an eye, or to ride through my native village on a mustang, seize the girl of my choice, lay her across the saddle, and ride for 110 miles to my shed on the hills, only to find that I have picked up my mother-in-law by mistake. (Laughter.)"

Referring to the effect of the Film Quota Act, Sir William said he was informed that while in 1925 only from twenty to thirty films were produced in Britain, and that there were only about forty in 1926, this year they had already produced 180 British films, of which half were long films. (Hear, hear.)

From the information he possessed, he saw no reason why, in the course of the next year or so, they should not settle down to producing at least a steady 250 films per annum.

British films had an assured market in Britain and they were now going into the United States, and to other parts of the world. Above all, they were going to the great Empire countries. He was told that profitable contracts had been made in Australia, New Zealand, and South Africa. (Hear, hear.)

Quota Exceeded

Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister, President of the Board of Trade, sent a message in which he said that British films were being produced far in excess of the quota requirements, and it was generally agreed that the improvement in quality had been as marked as the increase in quantity.

Colonel A. C. Bromhead, chairman of the Gaumont British Company, said that the tide had definitely turned in their favour.

Mr. C. M. Woolf proposed "Our Guests," and Mrs. Philip Snowden popped.

At the head table were:—Lord Auckland, Lord Gainsford, Sir Vincent Baden-Powell, Sir Herbert J. Croody, Sir F. L. C. Flood, Sir Laurence Gullemond, Sir Horace P. Hamilton, Sir Clement Blackwell, Mr. W. M. Borradaile, Miss Dorothy Boyd, Sir Harry Brittain, M.P., Miss Estelle Brody, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Bramhead, Miss Betty Chester, Mr. E. A. Dupont, General Sir Hubert Gough, Sir Patrick Gower, Capt. D. H. Hacking, Mr. J. P. Hannan, M.P., Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Hitchcock, Sir Thomas Jones, Mr. I. Oster, Mr. and Mrs. Oster, Mr. Maurice Pearson, Mr. H. G. Ponting, Mr. S. the Hon. Vernon Willey, Mr. Rowson, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Saville, Mr. G. A. L. Sinclair, Mr. Henry Victor, Mr. T. A. Welch, Caine, M.P., Lieut.-Col. C. B. and Mr. and Mrs. H. Bruce Woolfe.

## THE DANCE STEPS FOR 1929

### MASTERS' EDICT

"MOVE LIKE MOLASSES FLOW" IS THE ORDER

"BLUES" DEAD

Berlin, Dec. 14. German dancing-masters have issued their edict for 1929 ballroom fashions. Away with the contortions, they say, which made the flesh of gentlefolk creep two years ago! They have ruled that dancing motions next year shall no longer resemble a tribal kraal during the burial of a native chieftain.

"Dance like molasses flows," is their watchword.

Tranquillity, elegance, poise and discretion are a few of the nouns which the German dancing sovereigns use to describe their rules of conduct for dancers during the coming season. The feet-slapping, finger-snapping, leg-slapping dancing days are relegated to hushed oblivion.

"Don't get excited on the dancing-floor," is their warning, "and don't let your temperament run away with you, no matter how boisterous the tunes emanating from that saxophone may be."

The Berlin pace-setters of dancing styles, Lutz Hoffmann and Reinhold Sommer, have decided the fate of the following dances:

The quick-step charleston will set the fashion in German ballrooms this year. It will be danced with lively rhythm, occasionally merging into the fox-trot with turns and whirled and short running steps, strongly syncopated.

The "blues" are dead. Nor will the Yale blues replace them.

The "slow fox" will be danced with simplicity, being restricted to two short and one long step.

The tango is destined to remain the queen of 1929 dances, retaining its southern congeniality and assured popularity.

The English waltz is still looked upon with favour, but is adapted more for the tea dances than formal balls.

The "twist" is a newcomer and may prove a dark horse this season. Its feature is a skating stride, for which waxed soles are desirable.

No rosy future is predicted for the "sugar-step" and the "Baltimore," and their appearances at German dances will be short-lived.

The good, old-fashioned Viennese waltz, hardest of all hardy perennials, will retain its familiar popularity.

This is the edict of the German dancing-masters, and it indicates a conservative move away from innovations and a systematic attempt to bolster up the prestige of long-established dances.

## M. THOMAS

Oakla, Yesterday. M. Albert Thomas has left for Shanghai aboard the "President McKinley."—Reuter.

## SHAI TRAMS RESUME

Shanghai, Yesterday. The French Concession tramway workers, who struck again on Dec. 16 after having resumed for four days, have again resumed work.—Reuter.

Levita, Mr. and Mrs. John Maxwell, Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Renwick, Mrs. Tennyson, Mrs. Bromhead, Mr. Ernest Trench, Mr. H. G. Williams, P.M., and Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Woolf.

The company also included:—Mr. Pat Aherne, Lady Amherst, Hon. Anthony Asquith, Mr. Morty Banks, Mr. Arnold Bennett, Mr. Sidney L. Bernstein, Lieut-General Sir Edward Bethune, Mr. Carlyle Blackwell, Mr. W. M. Borradaile, Miss Dorothy Boyd, Sir Harry Brittain, M.P., Miss Estelle Brody, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Bramhead, Miss Betty Chester, Mr. E. A. Dupont, General Sir Hubert Gough, Sir Patrick Gower, Capt. D. H. Hacking, Mr. J. P. Hannan, M.P., Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Hitchcock, Sir Thomas Jones, Mr. I. Oster, Mr. and Mrs. Oster, Mr. Maurice Pearson, Mr. H. G. Ponting, Mr. S. the Hon. Vernon Willey, Mr. Rowson, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Saville, Mr. G. A. L. Sinclair, Mr. Henry Victor, Mr. T. A. Welch, Caine, M.P., Lieut.-Col. C. B. and Mr. and Mrs. H. Bruce Woolfe.

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